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* PENINSULAR	8294	A. G. Cubitt	1st Aug
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* PENINSULAR	8294	A. G. Cubitt	29th "
M. L. EGYPT	7912	G. L. Laugborne	5th Sept.
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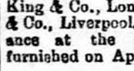

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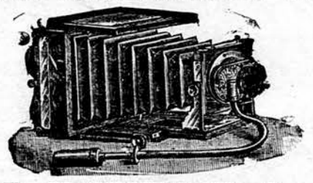

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SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
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TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 4th instant, at 3 p. m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods.

Also office furniture, such as writing tables, cupboards, one large iron fire proof safe on stand, chairs, couches, etc.

By order of the concerned, and on account and at the risk of Messrs Ellicpilo and Co—

ex r. s. Maria Valeri.

60 cases each 1 dozen bottles still wine.

AT 2 P. M.

3 second-hand lady's and gent's bicycles.
1 strong-built office shigram.
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Bombay, 3rd July, 1903.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & COMPANY,
No. 4, FORBES & MEDOWS STREETS, FORT.

SALE OF THE RIGHT OF COLLECTING TOLL AT THE SION AND MAHIM CAUSEWAYS.

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Particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained at the office of the Municipal Commissioner or of the Auctioneers.

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Bombay, 3rd July, 1903.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

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Catalogues are ready and the property is now on view.

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Furniture such as writing and office tables, chairs, cupboards, almyrs, sofas, easy chairs, screen cots, folding harmonium, centwood chairs, dressing, washband, and camp tables, iron safe on stand,

5 dozen fountain pens.
1 brass bound square piano by Richard Lipp.
1 Mahogany stops American organ.
1 new large cooking stove "Mercedes" with chimney and hot water tank, etc., by Thomas and Co., London.
10 Macintosh waterproof cloaks.
6 bales each about 20 pieces Baxter's Government canvas No. 8, 36".

The property of the late Dr. H. D. Tavaria, such as single and double wooden cots, cotton press, chairs, easy chair, cradle, dressing and wash-hand tables, octogon table, office seats, sofa, etc.

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1 second-hand light victoria.
1 second-hand light vis-a-vis.
And any other carriages and horses which may be offered.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTIES AT BHAJI PALLA STREET AND FALKLAND ROAD, OUTSIDE THE FORT.

Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will, on the dates hereunder mentioned, by order of the mortgagees, and on account and at the risk of the mortgagors, and subject to the conditions of sale then to be read, sell by Public Auction, unless previously sold by private contract, on the premises, under the power of sale in the mortgage contained, the following properties, namely :—

On THURSDAY, the 9th day of July, 1903, at 4 p.m.

All that the right, title and interest of the mortgagor and of the mortgagees in—

LOT 1.

All that piece of Fazendari land, together with a messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house thereon, situate without the Fort walls and within the Limits and Registration District of Bombay, and situated on the north side of Bhaji Palla Street, which said messuage is now or was formerly assessed by the Collector of Assessment under No. 9 in the enumeration of the houses subject to the payment of ground rent to the Fazendar of the ground, and which said premises contain by admeasurement in length about 70 feet and in breadth about 20 feet, little more or less to the edge of the compound, and are bounded as follows : that is to say, on or towards the east by the house now or late of Mucoondji Gogerji Taylor, on or towards the west by the house now or late of Vishwanath Damodhar Wiver, on or towards the north by the land now or late of Manekji Cassoba Taylor, and on or towards the south by public road, and which said premises are now in the occupation of the mortgagors or their tenants.

On FRIDAY, the 10th day of July, 1903, at 4 p. m.

Lot 2

All that piece of parcel of ground on which the new Elphinstone Theatre has been erected and is now standing, situate on the south side of Falkland Road, in the Island of Bombay, in the Registration Subdistrict formerly of the Fort and now of Bombay, being a part of a large piece of Foras freehold new salt tatty and or ground now or formerly belonging to Sir Mockbhand Nensey as executor of Javertal ——nsow, which said smaller piece or parcel of land contains by admeasurement 70 feet in breadth and 140 feet in length or thereabouts, and is bounded as follows : that is to say, on or towards the south and east sides thereof by other ground of the said Sha Mockbhand Nensey as such executor of the said Javerial, widow, on or towards the west by the property of Manekjee Sorabjee Facowalla, and on or towards the north by the Falkland Road aforesaid, and which said premises are now in the occupation of Goolam Hossein Joonjee Parpia or his tenants.

Printed copies of particulars and conditions of sale can be had from the Auctioneers.

For further information and conditions of sale apply to the Undersigned or to Messrs Crawford, Brown and Co., at their office, 30, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, JULY 1.

SECURITIES—		
2½ per cent. Consols	£92 13/16	= + 1/8
3 per cent. Rentes	£96 3/4	= unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Sterling Loan	£108	= do
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£85 7/8	= do
SILVER—		
Spot in London	24 1/4	= do
2 months hence	24 1/16	= do
Spot in New York	53 5/8	= do
EXCHANGES—		
Paris cheques	25·13 1/2	= — 1
Berlin "	20·40 1/2	= + 1/2
New York Demand	4·87 1/4	= uncharged
DISCOUNTS—		
Bank of England	3 per ct	= do
3 months sight Bank Bills	2 3/8 per ct	= — 1/8
6 " "	2 5/8 per ct	= — 1/8
3 months sight Fine Trade Bills	2 3/4 per ct	= — 1/8
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills	3 1/4 per ct	= — 1/8
INTEREST—		
Day to-day loans	2 1/8 per ct	= — 1 1/4
7 day market loans	2 1/8 per ct	= — 1 1/8

Rubber.—Para Rubber, 3s. 11 1-4d.

Wheat.—Club No. 1 30 1-4. June-July. London Sellers.

Rapeseed—Yellow Gazerat 34 3-4. July-Aug. Buyers.

Rapeseed.—Yellow Cawnpore 34 3-4. July-Aug. Sellers.

Rapeseed.—Brown 32 3-4. July-Aug. Value. Tone quiet.

Linseed Bold 39 5-8. July-Aug. Sellers. Tone easier.

At the Periodical Biddings for Council Bills for Rs. 50,00,000

Rs. 10 00 000 were allotted to Calcutta,
" 13,40,000 do. Bombay.
" Nil, do. Madras.

Rs. 23,40,000, at 1s. 4d.

Minimum rate received full.

Telegraphic Transfers—

Rs. 7,00,000 were allotted to Calcutta,
" 12,00,000 do. Bombay.

Rs. 19,00,000 at 1s. 4 1-32.

Total amount sold during week, Rs. 51,30,000.
Amount to be alloted next week, Rs. 50,00,000.
Extra allotments on Bombay, Rs. 5,00,000 at 1s. 4d.
Extra allotments on Calcutta, Rs. 2,60,000 at 1s. 4d.

In Liverpool—

Cotton Market closed steady. Surats quiet. Manchester dull. Total sales 7,000, Spot 674 plus 6. Sold on speculation and for Export 200. Imports 5,000. Arrivals closed steady.

July-Aug.	Aug-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.
6·57 + 6	6·53 + 9	6·07 + 14	5·62 + 13
Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.
5·48 + 13	5·40 + 12	5·39 + 12	5·38 + 12
	Mar.-April. 5·38		

In New York—

Receipts at the Port	.....	bales.
Do. last year	3,300	"
Exports to Great Britain	.....	"
Do. do. Continent	2,000	"
Mid-Uplands	13·00	unchanged
Futures, month of July	12·86	— 6
Do. do. December	9·91	— 2

In New Orleans—

Spot	13 5/8	unchanged.
Futures, month of Sept	11·43	— 7
Do. do. December	9·85	— 3
Tone at close	Steady.	

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay during the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, 1st July, 1903 :—

Cotton	2,233 bales.
Wheat	9,729 owts.
Linseed	8,558 "
Rape, Rai and Mustard seeds	6,600 "
Gingellyseed	881 "
Poppyseed	2,978 "
Groundnuts	130 "
Castorseed	4,281 "
Rice	738 "
Myrabollams	879 "
Cottonseed	4,262 "

BOMBAY, WEDNESDAY, JULY 2.

EXCHANGE—Tone steady.

Bank T. T.	1s 4d.
Bank Demand	1s. 4d.
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A.	1s. 4 3-16d.
Do 6 do do	1s 4 5-16d.
French Francs 3 do do	170
Marks 3 do do	138
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight	122
Shanghai 30 do do	171
Japan 30 do do	152

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent. Tone easier.

Cash	98-12
1st Settlement	98-12

Money Market—Tone easier.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 13th June	3	per cent.	
Bank of Bombay	do.	2nd July	4 do.
Bank of Bengal	do.	2nd July	4 do.
Bank of Madras	do.	21st April	7 do.

SEEDS.

Linseed.—Tone quiet.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Ready	6	12	0

Rapeseed.—Tone quiet.

Brown Cawnpore Ready	5	8	0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready	5	14	0
Yellow Guzerat Ready	6	0	0

Poppyseed.—Tone declining.

Ready	6	5	0

Castorseed.—Tone declining.

Ready	20	8	0

WHEAT.—Tone steady.

Soft Red Ahmedabad	Rs.	21	8
Do. Which	"	28	8
Hard Red	"	23	12

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	easier.
Estimated sales	6,000 Bales
Imports	1,000 "

July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.
6·52 —5	6·48 —5	6·02 —5
Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.
5·58 —4	5·43 —5	5·33 —4
Jan.-Feb.	Feb-Mar.	Mar.-April.
5·31 —1	5·34 —4	5·34 —4

COTTON—The Local market is quiet but steady with a moderate business doing at current rates. New Crop is easier and the closing quotations are Rs. 229 1-2 for Good Broach and Rs. 176 1-2 for fully Good Bengal.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, JULY 1.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed steady. Surats quiet.

The Manchester Market has been dull.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	92 13-16
3 per cent. Rentes	96 3-4
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan	108
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers	85 7-8
Bar Silver	24 1-4

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m, yesterday give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	0	0	1
B Mandvi, Chukla, Gomerkhadi and Dongri	0	0	13
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	1	2	14
D Khetwadi, Girgaum Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahaluxmi	0	1	6
E Mazagon, Tarwady, Tad Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	3	2	10
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	2	0	4
G Mahim and Worli	1	1	5
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	1	0	0
Hospitals	0	1	4
Total	11	7	57
Total plague deaths to date	231,848	214,698	
Same date last year	8	3	96

"PEARLS IN THE MOUTH."—White and sound teeth, healthy gums, and fragrant breath can only be obtained by the daily use of ROWLAND'S ODONTO. It eradicates tartar from the teeth, removes spots of incipient decay, and polishes and preserves the enamel to which it imparts a pearl-like whiteness. Sold by stores and Chemists. Ask for ROWLAND'S ODONTO.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATH and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender) is Re. 1, for six lines or less, and 3 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

GOA.

DEATH.

DA GAMA—July 2, at Margao, Goa, Mrs Theodolinda Alvares da Gama, widow of the late Dr J Acacio da Gama, Kt, C. J. C. Deeply regretted by friends and relations.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

ANDERSON—June 23, at Club View, Ootacamund, the wife of Captain A M Anderson, 21st Madras Pioneers, of a daughter.

JOHNSTON—June 26, at Kerloch Moriani, Assam, the wife of R Johnston, M B, and C M, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

D'MONTE—June 22, at Bareilly, of cancer, Isabella, the wife of the late Mr J E D'Monte, of Shajehanpore.

GUPTA—June 28, at Dacca, Kali Narayan Gupta, father of K G Gupta, I C S.

MARTIN—June 18, at Nainl Tal, of fever, William Martin, Retired Indigo Planter, Agra.

MURDOCH—June 6, at Mian Mir, of cholera, Staff Sergeant W D Murdoch, Supply and Transport Corps, aged 13.

PHILLIPS—June 20, at Agra, of brain fever, Marianne, wife of James Havelock Phillips, late of the Northern India Salt Revenue Department, aged 64 years, 9 months and 4 days.

PROUDLOCK—June 24, at the Government Botanic Gardens, Ootacamund, Florence Maud, the dearly loved daughter of Robert Lewis and Flora Proudlock, aged 4 years, 8 months and 11 days.

VON GOLDSTEIN—June 27, at Mian Mir, of cholera, Sylvia Mabel, the dearly beloved wife of Carl von Goldstein, Band Master, 23rd Pioneers.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 26m. Sun sets, 6h. 41m. High water, 6·31m., 6·23h. Low water, 0·8m., 0·13h.

P. and O. s. s. Arabia, with English mails of 19th ult., due to arrive at daylight.

Third Criminal Sessions.

Sir Ernest Satow and Bombay Millowners, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, 4 p.m.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The steamers R. I. M. Clive Uon Alpine, and the Transport Umta left the Dock yesterday.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamers Dumra and s.s. Howick Hall entered and the steamers Kola, Kagchima Maru, and Ocsanian left yesterday.

THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—A Honbara bustard, (Honbara macqueeni) has been presented to the zoological collection by the Bombay Natural History Society and one Ostrich (Struthio camelius) added by purchase.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Natal, Cape Colony, Delagoa Bay, and other places in South Africa, per extra s.s. Umfuli, via Tuticorin and Colombo, will be closed at the General Post Office at 7 p.m. on the 8, the instant instead of the 5th idem.

THE SIR HARKISONDAS NAROTAMDAS TESTIMONIALS.—The silver casket manufactured to contain the Sir Harkisondas Narotamdas testimonial, which has been manufactured by Messrs. Bartley, Son and Co., of Bangalore, is on view at Messrs. Lund and Buckley's establishment in the Fort, and it may be inspected there by subscribers to the testimonial.

NOTES FROM BHOWNAGAR.—Our correspondent at Bhownagar writes :—The weather has taken a sudden change. Yesterday at about 12 o'clock clouds banked up from the south-west and heavy rain fell measuring over an inch. The temperature is much reduced. A rumour has gained currency that a gang of dacoits is wandering in the outskirts of Chuda. A note was found tied on a tree in which the Diwan and the Durbar were threatened. Since then a party of 40 mounted police has arrived at Chuda at the request of the Durbar from Rajkote.

THE BAND AT THE ESPLANADE BANDSTAND.—By kind permission of Lt.-Col. W. F. Cahusac commanding and officers the Band of the 21st Bombay Infantry will play the following programme of music, under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, Bandmaster, commencing at 5-30 p. m.—(weather permitting) :—

March ..... Fighting Through to Victory ... Meyer
Overture ..... La Dame Blanche ..... Boieldieu
Selection ..... Florodora ..... Stuart
Four Dances ... Merrie England ..... E German
Valse ..... Wiener Extrablatter ..... Translateur
Polka ..... Mein Leichen ..... Anger

THEFT IN A STEAMER.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Flemming charged Mahomed Cutin, a Mahomedan, with the theft of sleeve links and studs collectively valued at Rs. 25 from the s.s. Teesdale, now lying in the Prince's Dock. It appeared from the evidence that yesterday afternoon one of the employes on the steamer saw the accused in the cabin of the third officer removing the links and studs from a drawer. He seized him and handed him over to the police. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and admitted four previous convictions. The Magistrate sentenced him to nine months' rigorous imprisonment and to receive 25 stripes.

SALE OF COCAINE IN BOMBAY.—Before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Mr. V. B. Vakharia, Abkari Inspector, charged Thakur Tulsi and Bahiram Buldeo with selling cocaine without a licence. The accused who were both pan-sellers, pleaded guilty to the charge and were fined Rs. 10 each. Cocaine of the value of Rs. 19 which were found in the shops of the accused was ordered to be forfeited.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Phirozshaw Vakharia, of the Abkari Department, charged Bechar Nagji, a pan-seller, with selling cocaine without a licence. Mr. Rustim Pestonji Jehanghir, As Istant Collector, stated that every pan-seller in Bombay had been warned by the Abkari Department not to sell cocaine without a licence. His Worship sentenced the accused to pay a fine of Rs. 30.

BREACH OF TRUST.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Rustomji Nowrowji, a Parsi cook, was charged before Mr. P. H. Dastur, with criminal breach of trust in respect of a metal watch of the value of Rs. 8, belonging to Golabkhan Abdulkhan, a tram conductor. The evidence showed that the accused was formerly a tram conductor and the complainant knew him. On the 16th instant he asked the complainant to lend his watch for a day. The complainant agreed to do so and the accused took away the watch promising to return it the next day. The accused did not turn up again and the complainant on enquiries ascertained that the watch had been pledged with a Marwari. On Wednesday last the complainant while going along Grant Road came upon the accused and had him arrested by the police. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and was sent med to one month's rigorous imprisonment.

ACCIDENTS.—Summa Koulpa, a Hindu boy, aged ten years, employed in the Bowan Memorial Episcopal Church at Apollo Bunder, while leaning against a window of the Church on Wednesday, accidentally overbalanced himself and fell outon the road from a height of about fifteen feet. The boy sustained serious injury to his back, which necessitated his removal to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, where he has been detained.—Pasoo Dharmaji a Hindu, aged fifty years, was on Wednesday last brought down to Bombay from Borivli, suffering from internal and external injuries and admitted into the J. J. Hospital. The man is reported to have fallen down a scaffolding at Borivli.—Dhondoo Gopal, a Hindu coolie, while at work in No. 3 hatch of the steam-ship Buldhana on Wednesday afternoon, met with a accident. It appears that a sling of bags of coffee was being heaved out of the hatch when the hook attached to the sling struck the beam over the hatchway which fell into the hold and struck the man on the head. He was conveyed to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, where he has been detained.

ASSAULT UNDER PROVOCATION.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, Govind Ramchandra, a goldsmith, was charged at the instance of Inspector Bartley with causing grievous hurt to one Daurma Jipra, a painter, residing at Chinchpoogley by means of a blow-pipe. It appears that one Bhima Bala, a friend of the complainant, had given some ornaments to the accused for repair. The accused did not return the ornaments, and on the 13th ultimo Bhima in company of the complainant went to the accused's shop and demanded the return of his ornaments. The accused told Bhima to call on him next day, whereupon the complainant remarked that the accused was attempting to cheat him. The remark excited the accused, who picked up his blow-pipe and struck the complainant with it, fracturing one of his ribs. The Magistrate convicted the accused of causing grievous hurt under provocation and sentenced him to pay a fine of Rs. 100 or in default to suffer one month's rigorous imprisonment. The accused was further ordered to be bound over in a sum of Rs. 100 to keep the peace for a period of one year.

THIRD CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Tyebjee presided at the adjourned sitting of the third Criminal Sessions yesterday.

A CHARGE OF BIGAMY.

Nandi, woman, and Bhaga Kuvar were charged before his lordship and a common jury, the first accused with bigamy, and the second accused with abetment of the offence. Mr. Mankar, instructed by the Public Prosecutor, appeared for the Crown. Mr. Rustom Wadia represented the first accused, and Mr. Kazi Kabiruddin the second.

Mr. Mankar, in addressing the jury, read the sections of the Indian Penal Code bearing on the charges, and said that the first accused was married to Chhiba Jogas some six years ago, the marriage ceremony being performed at Deogaum in the Gandevi taluka. After the marriage, Chhiba and the first accused lived as man and wife for about a year and nine months. They had then a quarrel, and the accused, in the absence of her husband, left his house and disappeared from the village. The husband made enquiries, but for a time he was unable to obtain any trace of her. About a month and a half ago, he obtained information that his wife was in Bombay and had married another person. With a few friends he went to the house of the second accused, where he found the first accused living with him as his wife.

The evidence in the case showed that on the complainant coming to Bombay a meeting of the panch was held, to which the parties were invited. The first accused did not appear at the meeting, but the second who did appear admitted his marriage with the first accused.

In cross-examination the complainant said Nandi was about fifteen or sixteen years of age at the time of the marriage, his own age then being twenty-five years. She had both her parents, and was given in marriage by her aunt. All the marriage ceremonies were duly performed, including the ceremony of the bridegroom chewing betel nut and pan and spitting upon the head of the bride. (Laughter.) Complainant went to get married in company of some fifty relations and friends. A Brahmin named Nurbueram performed the marriage ceremony. He was now dead. After the marriage, a feast was given to all the invited guests. The whole of the caste returned to their homes after the marriage, and complainant went to his house with Nandi. They lived in the same room.

To the court : After the marriage Nandi came and lived in my house. She did not live in any other house. The whole house was occupied by me ; it is my house ; and no one else lived there.

Several other witnesses were examined for the prosecution.

In answer to Mr. Mankar, a witness stated how the "nattra" ceremony was performed. The bridegroom takes a cocoanut and a half rupee and places them in the lap of a woman who has been married by "nattra" ceremony. The latter takes up the cocoanut ; the heads of the bride and bridegroom are brought close to each other, and are then knocked against the cocoanut which is held up between their heads. (Laughter.)

A "nattra" woman was the next witness. She said she made two accused sit on two wooden seats ; then she made "chania" on their foreheads with red powder ; and finally she knocked their heads against the cocoanut which was held fast in the hands of the bridegroom, (Laughter.)

To the Court : I would not have performed the "nattra" ceremony if I knew that Nandi was a married woman, and that her husband was alive.

Mr. Wadia, in addressing the jury on behalf of the first accused, said the first marriage was not at all proved and the conduct of the complainant in the witness-box was anything but satisfactory. It was stated that the two accused were not properly married and that they were merely living together. The defence did not deny that allegation. The complainant had introduced several interesting incidents, with a view to make his story more probable but which really made that story the least probable. Counsel repeated that as the first marriage was not proved, the accused must be unanimously acquitted.

Mr. Kazi Kabiruddin next addressed the jury. He urged that there was no proof of first marriage and the complainant had behaved in the witness-box in the most idiotic fashion. He had not called his nearest relations to prove the first marriage nor had he called the aunt of the girl who was said to have given her away in marriage. Counsel urged that there was absolutely no evidence that the second accused at the time of the alleged second marriage knew that the first accused was the lawful wife of another person.

His lordship in summing up the case reviewed the law and the facts of the case; remarking that the jury must be satisfied on the points, namely, that there was a marriage of the complainant with the first accused ; and that the second accused was, at the time of his alleged marriage with the first, fully cognisant of the fact of the first marriage.

The foreman of the jury, after a short consultation in the jury box, said they were divided in opinion five being on one side, and four on the other. They were told to retire, and try to come to closer unanimity.

On returning into Court at 6 p.m., the foreman said the jury, by a majority of seven to two, found the first accused not guilty, and they unanimously acquitted the second accused His Lordship accepted the verdict of the majority, and the accused were discharged.

The Court adjourned till this morning.

HIGH COURT.—JULY 3.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice RUSSELL.

For Dismissal.

107,03—Payne and Co—Moshi Sulleman vs The South British Fire and Marine Insurance Co—Littl and Co.

116,02—Dikshit and D—Essafally Fazulabhoy vs Tejpal Godoo and others—Payne and Co.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

418,02—Kanga and P—Bai Motibai widow vs Gopinath Jivan Kinjee—Smetham B and N—Part heard.

661,02—Jyabji D and Co—Castoor Meghraj and others vs Kallandas—Edgelow G and W.

150,03—Fayre and Co—Savjee Dana vs Mooljee Naran and others—D D Romer.

578,02—Wadia and G—Veljee Anundjee vs Sakarbai widow and others—Nanu and H.

42,03—M B Vakil Hormusjee Bomonjee Khan vs Joshi Shivshanker Gopaljee and another—Payne and Co Unwalla and P for postponement.

495,00—Shamrao and M—Gangadhar Jagannath Shiroskar vs The Bombay Bank Co Ld and others—Dikshit and D M H and M and Payne and Co.

677,02—Ardeshir H D and Co—Sorabjee Eduljee Warden and another vs Dayabhai Tapidas Vajdas—B Raghavaya.

482,01—Mulla and M—Damji Valu and others vs Valabhdas Premji and others—Thakerdas and Co.

650,02—D D Romer—Haricband Bhembari vs Parwatibai widow.

650,02—Ardeshir H D and Co—Cooverjee Jamsetjee Dharuwalla and another vs Framjee Heerajee Pavri and another—Crawford B and Co. For postponement.

201,02—Baptist and F—David Wallar Rodgers and others vs Essabhoy Mosla Abdalali—Mirza and M.

756,02—Dikshit and D—Dadabhoy Nowroji vs Framji Rustomji Vikaji—In person.

252-02—Nanu and H—Liladhar Pragjee and another vs Amboolaboo widow and others—Thakurdas and Co.

161-02—Tyabjee and Co—Purshotum alias Kabal Manocklal vs Bai Ichha widow and another—Ardeshir H D and Co.

782-02—Sorabjee and J—Shaikh Hassan Shaikh Ibradim vs Azizabibi widow and others—In person.

737-03—Matubhai J and M—Hargowandas Kinoobhaibhai and others vs Kutboodin Abdool Rahim Paloba and others—D D Romer.

303-11505-01—Crawford B and Co—Gidhar Shamjee and another vs Trikhoovandas Lalcobhoy—Tyabjee D and Co.

Before the Hon'ble Mr Justice ASTON.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

124,02—Little and Co—Haridas Ramdas Bhimji vs Gursondas Ramdas and others—Ardeshir N D and A.

492,01—Chitnis and M—Narayen Vinayak vs Dinkar Nana Morowjee and others—Chitnis and M Little and Co E G and W.

817,01—Ardeshir H D and Co—Sorabai vs Nanabhai Jivanjee Contractor—Jamsetjee and R.

140,03—Payne and Co—Soora Dholia and others vs Memon Abdul Suckoor Hajee Joonas and others—Mulla and M.

592,02—Wadia and G—Toolka Kerra and others vs Bhoonsa'i Runchordas Vandrawandas—Elgelow G and W.

147,03—Jamsetjee and R—Heerjee Bhojraj vs Jamnabai widow.

193,03—Crawford B and Co—Panduram Rowji Dhore vs Raguath Vithal Bootha—Jamshedji and R.

274-02—Mulla and M—Surajmul Choonilal vs Maneckchand Kapurchand—Edgelow G and W.

173,99—Shamrao and M—Vadilal Lalubhoy vs Mahasookhram Kalidas—Matoobhoy J and M.

537,01—Daptary and F—Haridas Naranji vs Purshotum Naranji—Thakordas and Co.

9,01—P N Billimoria—Ramjanally Jumabhoy vs Khatizabai widow and others.

657,658,01—Chitnis and M—Jivraj Tribhowan and others vs Dhanbai and others—Thakordas and Co.

617,00—Mulla and M—Trikumdas Hemraj vs Damji Hemraj—Little and Co.

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OUR NEXT VICEROY.

WHEN our irresponsible contemporaries have discovered that it is vain to beat the air, and that however much they may rave, they are utterly unable to raise a cyclone or affect either the British Government or the India Office, we shall find them quieting down one by one, and endeavouring to assure us that whatever other journals may have done they certainly never advocated an extension of time for Lord Curzon. They will pay due tribute to his retiring Excellency, admire his industry, his unfailing energy, and his fidelity to his trust, and then they will utter pæans of praise of the Right Honourable William St. John Fremantle Brodrick, and hail him as the very man they would have chosen themselves, and the one they knew all along was to succeed Lord Curzon of Kedleston. They may raise as much mud as they choose in the stream of destiny, but they cannot make it run back to its source. They may take up their petty little pails and throw the waters down the cascade, but they cannot accelerate the speed of the current any more than they can hope by throwing their ink into the sea to make the tide rise. Lord Curzon's Viceroyalty has called forth more genuine admiration; infused more of the fitful bursts of enthusiasm of which the native is capable than any of his predecessors; and there are many who would gladly see him have longer time to accomplish the Twelve Tasks he set himself before he realised how slowly grind the mills of progress in this country. But his Excellency cannot agree to stay longer except on conditions which are unprecedented and which a conservative India Office will oppose with might and main. Say what we will of his methods, of the various features of his administration, which we cannot honestly approve, the fact remains that his term of office has been one of the most remarkable in the history of the country, characterised by more memorable incidents, and that no Viceroy ever made more of his opportunities, or stamped his handiwork more pronouncedly with the seal of his own individuality. He can relinquish office with the full consciousness that he has done all that within him lay, and that his efforts were duly appreciated.

It has been customary of late, among those who, incapable of thinking for themselves, are given to take up parrot-cries and imagine them wisdom, to decry Mr. Brodrick and to refer to him as a Ministerial failure. Mr. Brodrick has been nothing of the kind. His loyalty to his party has led him to accept blame without protest and to shield his colleagues who are really responsible for the shortcomings which are apparently his. He is still comparatively a young man, a year or two only older than Lord Curzon, but twelve years ago he was described as a man who carried weight. He used to be called "Prime Minister Brodrick," and it was said that his manner as President of the Union would have done dignity to any House in the world. However he stepped straight from his presidential chair at Oxford to a seat in Parliament, being returned for West Surrey in 1880 while a mere youth. The compiler of that extraordinary series of parliamentary personalia, published at the "Pall Mall Gazette" office, tells us that he at once found himself at home and described him as a very industrious man, who made a position for himself in the House by being one of the few who took the trouble to master the technicalities of the Irish Land Bill, and he won the admiration of Mr. Gladstone who was much touched by so unwonted a show of interest in the details of his scheme. He first accepted office as Financial Secretary to the War Office where he was coupled by his critics with Mr. Curzon as one of the most promising young men of his party. His was the hand which was credited with "firing the mine—the cordite mine—that blew up Lord Rosebery's Government." As a party man, says his unauthorised biographer, he is loyally subject to discipline, "but as an elder son he is in revolt, not against his most amiable father, but against the bare notion of ever having to take his place in the House of Lords; of the other chief mutineers against primogeniture, one Lord Selborne has already paid the penalty and has metaphorically gone aloft; the other, Mr. Curzon, is still spared to us to make rings round the luckless Sir H. Naylor-Leyland." While at the War Office he was admitted, even by his enemies, to have made all the reputation that his best friends expected of him, and he more than maintained it at the Foreign Office, where he had the position Lord Curzon once held. "He will go higher before he has done," it was written. He did and, we hope, will go still higher yet, and that through the Viceroyalty at Simla.

When Mr. Brodrick succeeded Lord Lansdowne as Secretary of State for War he undertook a very arduous task. Lord Lansdowne's popularity was undermined while he held office there. He was not prepared for the war with South Africa, and when he was handed the portfolio for Foreign Affairs a howl of indignation went up from one end of the country to the other. He had failed at the War Office and would fail at the Foreign Office it was urged. But Lord Lansdowne has proved to be one of the strongest Foreign Ministers we have known. It has been pointed out over and over again that constituted as it is the War Office can be remodelled or the Army reorganised, and that Mr. Brodrick's scheme has not been carried out is not his fault but that of the Government which has not given him the opportunity or the means for carrying out the reforms he contemplated. He was able, however, to establish a standard up to which the Department is working, and it cannot be denied that the Army is in a greater state of efficiency than ever it was before. His scheme demanded the extension of the financial powers of the Secretary of State for War, but it would be unfair to lay at his door the unhappy circumstance that that extension was not made available. Yet he succeeded in increasing the strength of the army, in removing incapable officers, and is still striving to secure greater efficiency in every branch of the service. What he has achieved has been under difficulties and under a keener, less indulgent criticism than any modern minister has known. His loyalty to his party has prevented his attempting to shift the blame to their shoulders, and his earnestness and sincerity, the devotion to work which was so strongly characteristic of him as a youth have kept him on, in the face of every discouragement, striving towards the goal of success. He may not come to India, but we trust he will; for if it be true, as we believe, that after years of pageantry what India now wants is rest, Mr. Brodrick would give it us—rest, but not at the cost of efficient Government, the repose which is consistent with steady onward progress shall be secure and which shall be permanent.

ARTIFICIALLY PRODUCED PLAGUE.

THE spread of disease by means of artificially cultivated germs has, on more than one occasion, been made the subject of a sensational romance, and now we learn that in real life a serious threat has been made to disseminate the plague. Chafing under their ill success, it is stated that the revolutionaries of Macedonia have decided to revenge themselves upon Turkey, and also on Europe, for having abandoned them to Turkey, by spreading the plague. The threat has been credited at home by those who know the state of mortality, or perhaps we should say of lack of mortality which exists in Bulgaria and the surrounding countries at the present time. But after all there seems to be no great cause for alarm. The worthy individual who has conceived this novel plot is Boris Sarafoff, who we are given to understand months ago alluded mysteriously to a new instrument of terror which he possessed. Unfortunately, however, for Sarafoff and his scheme it appears that what little is known of plague leads the man of science to discount emphatically the practicability of any such attempt. Dr. Klein, of St. Bartholomew's, whose researches into the questions of plague and bacteriology generally have rendered him in no small degree famous, states that it would be impossible to spread the disease in the way suggested. Strangely enough it is no easy matter to communicate the disease by artificial means. There is no doubt that by inoculation plague can be induced in individuals, but experiments have proved that it by no means follows that the disease would subsequently spread. Then again plague apparently is seldom communicated through the food of an animal. In one experiment Dr. Klein infected the food of 20 rats with the plague bacillus, but only one of the animals contracted the disease. It seems utterly unlikely from the evidence collected hitherto that plague could be spread in the manner suggested by the Macedonian leader, and if it were it can be dealt with much more effectively than many other diseases, of which smallpox and influenza are instanced by Dr. Klein. In Constantinople plague cases have occurred, and the authorities have been able to deal with them with complete success. The disease has not spread, and it is utterly impossible, according to Dr. Klein, that the disease could ever assume epidemic form in the western European countries. Recently a case of plague occurred at Berlin, a German professor dying from the disease contracted in the course of his researches. The plague, however, did not extend beyond the laboratory of this unfortunate man of science. There is very little doubt that if Sarafoff's threat were carried into execution, and he were to turn loose outside the borders of Bulgaria plague infected prisoners, the disease would end there, and would be dealt with in such a way that none but the poor unfortunates who were thus made the instruments of a false vengeance would suffer. Boris Sarafoff has evidently not been given to the study of bacteriological science, but his intentions are probably none the less genuine on that account.

THE HEALTH OF THE CITY.

DURING the past seven days a slight increase has occurred in the mortality of the city of Bombay. This is not due to a rise in plague figures, which are practically identical with those recorded a week ago, but to a decline in the state of the city's health generally and more particularly to an increase in the mortality from fevers. Five hundred and seventy two deaths occurred during the seven days which have passed, and this was an increase over the previous week of 25, and an increase in the rate of mortality per thousand per annum of 1·67. Strangely enough, during the corresponding period of last year an increase of mortality was recorded after some months during which a steady decline had been experienced. Compared with the average for the past five years the present state of the city's health is after all very gratifying. The deaths last week were 65 below the average, and the rate of mortality is also below that which is usually recorded at this time of the year. As has been mentioned already there was very little change one way or another in the aspect of the plague epidemic. The number of deaths amounted to 90 as compared with 92 last week, 45 in the corresponding week of last year, and 59, the average over the same periods, during the past five years. The figures in Worli and Mahim are practically the same as were recorded a week ago, and the only district which registers more than ten deaths is the Market. Small-pox again exhibited another very satisfactory decline, and last week for the whole of the city only 14 deaths were recorded. Very few districts are now infected. There was an increase in respect of fevers, but the city has had such a satisfactory record recently in regard to febrile diseases that the present increase is hardly remarkable. Even now the numbers are considerably below what is usual at this time of the year. There is one respect in which the state of the city's health is not at all reassuring. For some time past the mortality from diseases of the respiratory organs has been unusually high. In view of the continual decline of phthisis on the one hand and a corresponding increase in general deseases of the respiratory system on the other, the suspicion that mistakes have occurred in classification in the past seems warranted. Last week the European community lost five of its members, two deaths being due to fever, and three to diseases of the nervous system. The death rate was higher than has been the case for some time past being 21·18 per thousand per annum.

CROPS IN BOMBAY.

THE monsoon is gradually asserting itself over the Presidency of Bombay although up to the present the crop reports do not record any very remarkable downfalls of rain. In Sind hardly any rain has fallen as yet, but only in Thar and Parkar is any complaint made of a lack of water. There rain is urgently needed. The river in Karachi and in Sukkur appears to be quite as high as was the case last year, and seasonable operations are proceeding without interruption. Everywhere the sowings for the kharif crop and the transplantation of rice are in progress. Locusts are again doing damage in Larkhana. They have attacked the rice seedlings which are now germinating and are apparently threatening the crops in other districts. There is a dearth of fodder also in Sukkur, Larkhana, and the Upper Sind Frontier. Very little alteration is noticeable in conditions in Gujarat. Rainfall up to the present has been spasmodic and much below the average. Supplies of moisture are altogether insufficient in Ahmedabad, and more rain is urgently needed in Surat. Kharif preparations are everywhere proceeding, and jowari and cotton is being sown in Surat. There was good rain in the Konkan, where kharif sowings are also the leading feature of the agricultural situation. Locusts are still present in several districts, but apparently they are not doing much damage if any, and up to the present the young crops have done well. In Nasik the sowing operations are being retarded. Owing to an inadequacy of moisture more rain is greatly needed throughout the district. The sowing of cotton and rice has commenced, but the situation cannot be regarded as favourable so long as the rain holds off. The rainfall was very uneven in the Deccan; the young rice plants and the hill millet are doing well, however, in Poona. The district which needs rain most seriously is Satara. Several districts of the Southern Mahratta Country complain that the rainfall has not met requirements up to the present, but otherwise cultivators make no complaints. The fluctuations of the prices of foodgrains have been unimportant.

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE defeat of Sussex by Essex in the county cricket Championship contest announced in a Reuter's telegram published to-day, following as it does Notts' defeat at the hands of Yorkshire last week leaves Middlesex at the head of the table for the time being with a percentage of 100 as the result of six matches played. Sussex and Essex who have now each won four matches and lost one are bracketed for second place. Lancashire and Worcestershire have each won another match beating Warwickshire and Hampshire, respectively, and have improved their position in the table. The match between Leicestershire and Notts ended in a draw. The lace county started the season in great form, but latterly have been unable to win a match, five of the last six matches played having been drawn while the other ended in defeat. The unfortunate Leicestershire team seem destined not to experience the joys of victory this season, and up to date have a dismal record of losses and drawn games. Gloucestershire are no better off and the two counties are bracketed at the bottom of the table. The positions of Yorkshire, Surrey, Kent, Somerset, and Derbyshire are undisturbed, these counties having no fixtures in the Championship contest in the early part of the week.

THE Bank of Bombay has yesterday reduced its rate of interest on demand loans on Government Paper to 4 per cent.

THE annual report of the 1st Battalion of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps shows that there was a very satisfactory increase in the number of extra-efficients during the year just ended. The strength in last March was 702 of all ranks and 45 reservits as against 677 of all ranks and 50 reservists in the preceding year. The number of non-efficients was 6.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending 30th June, was 572, giving a death-rate of 36·32 per annum per thousand as against 554 the corresponding period of last year, and 637 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 53 died from fevers; 90, plague; 14, small-pox; 6, measles; 0, cholera; 3, leprosy; 43 phthisis; 38, diseases of the nervous system; 125, affections of the respiratory organs; 31, diarrhœa; 15, dysentery; 30, still-born; 68, old age and debility; 7, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 27; Brahmin, 7; Lingaet, 2; Bhattia, 6; Hindu of other caste, 276; Hindu low caste, 61; Musalman, 135; Parsee, 19; Jew, 1; Native Christian, 21; Eurasian, 2 and European, 5. The total number of births was 320 as against 224 the corresponding period of last year, and the average over the past five years.

The total number of deaths registered in Calcutta during the week ending 20th June was 343 against 351 and 351 and 359 in the two preceding weeks, and lower than the corresponding week of last year by 89. There were 34 deaths from cholera, against 45 and 35 in the two preceding weeks the number is equal to the average of the past quinquennium. There were 31 deaths from plague, against 15 and 11 in the two preceding weeks. There were 4 deaths from small-pox during the week against 2 in the previous week. There were 7 deaths from tetanus against 7 in the previous week. The mortality from fevers and bowel-complaints amounted to 89 and 21 respectively, against 102 and 28 in the preceding week. The general death-rate of the week was 21·0 per mile per annum, against 27.1 the mean of the last file years.

IN order to disperse a swarm of bees which had lodge in a dome over the doorway of the post office at Swaffham, in Norfolk, a length of hose was borrowed from the fire brigade and the bees washed away.

CAPTAIN R. B. HATFIELD, of Liverpool, who died suddenly in the street was a remarkable man. He was born in Nova Scotia in 1836, and had six brothers, who, like himself, were captains in the merchant service. He had a great notion that he could set the Government right on all occasions, and it was he who sent the famous telegram to Lord Beaconsfield about the time of the purchase of the Suez Canal shares, that the Government should send the fleet to Cyprus. Captain Hatfield was one of the best-known men in Liverpool shipping circles.

RUSSIAN AIMS AND ANGLO SAXON INTERESTS.

A PLAIN ISSUE.

IT is unfortunate that the social advantages of national freedom and popular government should always be liable to disappear in political competition with despotism. Public ignorance, which lies at the root of public apathy whenever great interests are at stake, is infinitely more disastrous to a free people than to one denied any voice in the disposition of its own political welfare.

This truth finds an apt illustration in the analogous conjunction of circumstances visible in Great Britain and the United States at the present time, where popular government, popular ignorance and popular apathy are imposing a severe handicap on serious interests which, although perfectly recognizable from the loftier heights of statesmanship, have not yet come within the purview of the popular masses of the electorate. Thus while popular statesmen are compelled to await the slower evolution of popular consciousness, their autocratic rival is able not only to pursue his unrestricted course and to outstrip his slower competitor, but by means of specious and worthless professions of good faith still further to retard the popular discovery of his real aims until they are within measurable reach of achievement.

It is precisely by the careful pursuit of this policy that Russia has for so long been able to snatch advantage after advantage, successfully avoiding any overt act likely to stimulate vigorous opposition until each further piece of aggression was skilfully endowed with the aspect of a prescriptive right, the fundamental illegality of which had been cleverly dispersed over a large area and a considerable period. In fact the aggregate material loss suffered by nations in political contact with Russia often closely resembles in its course the means by which the bankruptcy of individuals is not seldom occasioned by the dissipation of sums which are too insignificant to attract serious attention at the time, and only force attention at last in the accumulated form of a financial debacle.

It is this last stage which now threatens the large trading and political interests of England and America in North China. And the importance of a timely recognition of this plain fact by the people of these great governing democracies, whose parochial interests are so apt to obscure the vision of wider political issues, cannot be too strongly emphasized.

Russia, despite any fresh promises of evacuation, is doing her utmost day by day to dress up an utter piece of aggression—the effective annexation of Manchuria—As a prescriptive right and an actual "fait accompli." But the issue now raised is far too serious to accept at Russia's valuation, and it is impossible to conceive the prospect of two powerful and high-spirited nationalities, such as Great Britian and the United States, consenting to the virtual surrender of valuable commercial and trading rights which were founded long before the aggressor had crossed the waters of the Amur. For only those who are ignorant of the motives which have been urging Russia eastward can be under any misconception as to the ultimate fate of such interest when once subjected to the gastric juices of Russia's mighty digestive processes.

And first of all, on what common ground are we prepared to meet Russia? Having allowed her to come so far, let it be said that we do not, at this late stage, intend to demand her evacuation of Manchuria. On what terms, then, are we prepared to assent to Russia's claim to political preponderance in that part of the Chinese Empire?

Upon this important question the opinion of a prominent member of the China Association is worth listening to. He says: "We wish to deal quite fairly with Russia. We are ready, although we are under no obligation to do so, seeing that her railway and military expenditure has been entirely in her own interests, to take into consideration the outlay to which she has gone. We are also prepared to recognize that Russia's geographical position gives her a certain priority of right in Manchuria. But we will recognize nothing of this except on condition:

"We demand equal rights to trade in the country; the right of entry into all ports for our merchant shipping or men-of-war; equal rights for our people, traders and missionaries, to settle in the country and to prosecute their various callings without restriction of any kind; equal rights to own land and to develop mines. Unless we get these things settled to our entire satisfaction, we must refuse to recognize Russia's position in Manchuria, and must oppose her occupation of that country."

It will thus be noticed that British commerce asks no more than equality of opportunity in a sphere where it has long been supreme. This cannot be called an outrageous or extravagant demand. But the question is, will Russia be satisfied with a political preponderance united to a commercial competition on equal terms with the greatest trading nations of the world? It is the answer to this question which provides the clearest evidence of Russia's real intentions in North China.

The truth is that political preponderance without commercial monopoly is, in her eyes, mere sounding brass and tinkling symbal. Nothing is more patent than that her present stage of industrial development renders her quite incapable of successful competition on equal terms with others in the markets of the world. In addition to this she cannot afford to wait until her industrial resources have been sufficiently developed to enable her to do so. The stern pressure of economical and political causes forces her to act at once. It has driven her at breathless speed across Siberia to the wealthy province of Northern China where the only chance of success for her commercial policy, as well as of recovering the serious cost of her adventure, lies in the creation of commercial preserves from which the trade of all competitors shall be rigorously concluded.

All the time the Tsar's Government has been administering in the shape of "open-door" promises to Great Britain and America, Russians associated in the promotion of Russian industry and trade have been perfectly frank as to the real object they have in view. Only recently a Russian paper declared that but two alternatives were open to the Russian Government—either to evacuate Manchuria before incurring further outlay, or to annex and proclaim it a Russian province.

As the Tsar's Government has no intention of throwing away all the money it has expended, it has made up its mind to the latter course, and all its professions to the country must be regarded as so many devices to gain time for the more effective operation of its own peculiar methods of political absorption. While, therefore, Russia talks of evacuation in September she is using the mendacious Chinese Government as her agent in refusing the opening of new ports in Manchuria; to enable her to hold on to the Telegraphs and Customs revenue; and to oust all but Russians from positions of trust and influence.

So much for her promises. Her threats are worth a little consideration. Russia knows better than any one that she dare not jeopardize her far more vital political interests in the Near East by any serious expenditure of her warlike resources in Far Eastern adventure. But she does not mean to lose anything for want of bluff. She is throwing up fortified positions in various parts of Manchuria; she is collecting great quantities of warlike stores in and around Niu-Chwang; she is increasing her already powerful fleet in Chinese waters; and by every form of warlike ostentation is seeking to impress her rivals with her intention to oust them from their trading rights by force of arms if necessary.

But a firm and unbending front on the part of Great Britain and the States she has no intention of resisting. There need be no craven talk of "accepting the inevitable" at Russian dictation if the two great branches of Anglo-Saxon race resolved that there shall be no sacrifice of their legitimate rights in North China. But if Russia is satisfied within the next month or two that the people of these two great governing democracies are too absorbed in parochial politics to exert themselves in the defence of their more distant commercial interests, it is a safe prediction that she will throw off the mask before the autumn, and boldly proclaim the inclusion of North China in the Russian Empire.—T. H. M. H. in the "Pall Mall Gazette."

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

GOVERNMENT'S FISCAL POLICY.

MORE INTERROGATIONS.

MR. BALFOUR REFUSES TO BE DRAWN.

A MEETING OF UNIONISTS.

LONDON, JULY 1.

In reply to fresh attempts to-day to draw a statement regarding the fiscal policy of the Government Mr. Balfour reiterated his inability to give any information, but assured his interrogators there was no probability of a dislocation of British trade such as some feared.

LONDON, JULY 2.

At a meeting of Unionist members of the House of Commons who are opposed to protection a Resolution was passed favouring an enquiry, but declaring that if the result was any departure from free trade it would be disastrous to the country.

Fifty four members were present at yesterday's meeting of the Unionist members of the House of Commons who are opposed to protection.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach declared it was their duty to save the Party from a crushing defeat, which was inevitable, if they were committed to the taxation of food.

Lord Goschen who was also present said these most dangerous fiscal proposals must be resisted.

Mr. Chamberlain had said it would be a big fight, and if so the veterans must take their place, and he himself would do what he could to help the cause.

With reference to this meeting and the meeting of 98 Unionist members of the House of Commons last week who pledged themselves to support the Government, it is estimated that about 150 Unionist members have already declared for and 75 against Mr. Chamberlain's proposals.

Nearly half the Party have given no public expression of their views.

THE GORDON BENNETT CUP.

THOUSANDS FLOCKING TO THE COURSE.

SPECTATORS CAMPING OUT.

Thousands of excursionists are flocking to Ireland to witness to-day's Gordon Bennett great motor car race.

Every town in the neighbourhood of the route is crammed, and huge camps have been established for those who cannot obtain accommodation elsewhere.

It is expected that at least a quarter of a million people will witness the race.

The first car starts at six o'clock this morning, the others following at intervals of seven minutes.

The course is 103 miles long forming a figure of eight. One portion of it will be traversed twice and the remainder four times, the total distance to run being 368 miles.

England, France, Germany, and America are each represented by three competitors.

TURKEY AND BULGARIA.

AN ANXIOUS SITUATION.

TROOPS ON THE FRONTIER.

TURKISH PERSECUTION RESENTED.

A NOTE TO THE POWERS.

LONDON, JULY 1.

The relations between Turkey and Bulgaria are again causing certain anxiety. Extreme resentment is felt in Bulgaria by the incessant persecution of Bulgarians in Turkey on the pretext of searches for arms and explosives and the concentration of a large force on the frontier.

Bulgaria has now sent 3,000 troops to the frontier ostensibly for the purpose of preventing bands of malcontents entering Turkey.

LONDON, JULY 2.

The Bulgarian Government in a Circular Note to the Powers alleges that Turkey is thwarting the efforts of Bulgaria to pacify the Macedonians, and is evidently seeking to provoke a catastrophe.

They ask the Powers to take vigorous steps at Constantinople to prevent the concentration of Turkish troops on the Bulgarian frontier, and to insist upon the carrying out of reforms.

LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

DOHERTYS REGAIN THEIR ASCENDANCY.

The following is the result of the play at Wimbledon for the Lawn Tennis Championship :—

In the Ladies, Miss Douglass beat Miss Ethel Thomson by 2 to 1. Miss Robb, the holder of the Championship, did not defend it. In the Singles Lawrence Doherty, the holder, beat Riseley, the challenger, by 3 to nil.

In the Doubles the Dohertys (ex-champions) beat Smith and Riseley, the holders, by 3 to nil.

In the issue of "M. A. P." received this week Mr. T. P. O'Connor states that a Mr. Roberts, a quick change artist now performing at the Palace Theatre, London, tells the following "good little story" of the Maharajah of Mysore :—"The Maharajah and his suite were provided with seats at the back of the stage, and there they sat, perfectly silent and immovable, while the modern Proteus leapt in and out of his costumes and changed his make-up. When it was over, the Maharajah shook Mr. Roberts warmly by the hand and murmured a few words of evident appreciation. "The Maharajah is delighted," said the interpreter, gravely, "he thinks you are wonderful. He is convinced that you are the devil!" The story may be "good" but it certainly is not true, as neither the late nor the present Maharajah was ever in need of an interpreter, both being excellent English scholars almost from infancy, while neither was ever likely to comment upon any performance in the manner alleged. Mr. Roberts has evidently mixed up his Maharajahs and selected the name of the first which came to hand!

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

COUNTY CRICKET.

SUSSEX AND WARWICKSHIRE BEATEN.

LONDON, JULY 2.

Essex has beaten Sussex by six wickets.

Lancashire has beaten Warwickshire by eight wickets.

Worcestershire has beaten Hampshire by 91 runs.

The match between Leicestershire and Notts was drawn.

OPENING OF NEW ZEALAND PARLIAMENT.

QUESTION OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT),

ALLAHABAD, JULY 2.

A special cable from the Pioneer's correspondent, dated London, 1st July, says that Lord Ranfurly, in opening the New Zealand Parliament, said that the reconstitution of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council was essential to the preservation of colonial confidence.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

DEATH OF LORD COLVILLE.

LONDON, JULY 2.

The death is announced of Lord Colville of Culross.

PRINCESS OF WALES STAKES.

LONDON, JULY 2.

The following is the result of the race for the Princess of Wales Stakes of ten thousand sovereigns run this day :—

Ard Patrick	1
Royal Lancer	2
Cheers	3

MAIL NEWS.

ADEN, JULY 2.

The P. & O. Company's steamer Egypt, with the homeward mails of the 27th ultimo, arrived here at noon to-day.

SUEZ, JULY 2.

The P. & O. Company's steamer Caledonia, with the outward mails of the 23th ultimo, left here at 2 a.m. to-day.

SIMLA ART EXHIBITION.

TO BE OPENED ON THE 13TH INSTANT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, JULY 2.

The Viceroy and Lady Curzon open the Simla Art Exhibition on the 13th instant.

THE EXCHANGE OF KASHMIR.

A CONTRADICTION.

The report to which currency has been given effect that negotiations are afoot for exchange of Kashmir for other territory is entirely without foundation.

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

DECLINING MORTALITY.

There were only 1,362 plague deaths in the whole of India last week against 1,684 in the corresponding week of last year. The Punjab had only 390.

THE INDIAN IRRIGATION COMMISSION.

MR. GORDON'S SERVICES.

The report of the Indian Irrigation Commission being now completed the services of Mr. W. B Gordon are replaced at the disposal of the United Provinces as preliminary to his being granted leave home.

GOVERNMENT OPIUM SALE.

CALCUTTA, JULY 2.

At the Government opium sale yesterday 2,000 chests each of Behar and Benares opium were sold at an average price of Rs. 1,297 per chest. The proceeds of the sale aggregated Rs. 51,88,525.

A TEA PLANTING ENQUIRY.

SCIENTIFIC OFFICER TO BE APPOINTED.

The Government of India have expressed their willingness to contribute Rs. 5,000 annually for three years towards the maintenance of a scientific officer on condition that the results of the enquiry were published and made available to Government and all tea planters in India.

THE ITALIAN CONSUL.

TO PROCEED TO BANGKOK.

Count Raymond de Massiglia, Consul-General of Calcutta for Italy, has received orders to proceed at once to Bangkok as Italian Minister to Siam.

CALCUTTA WALKING MATCH.

The Calcutta Commercial Walking Match from Barrackpore to Calcutta comes off next Saturday, the 4th instant.

THE BANK OF BENGAL.

RATE OF INTEREST REDUCED.

The Bank of Bengal has reduced its rate interest on demand loans to 4 per cent.

H. M. S. POMONE, Commander H. Jones, arrived in harbour yesterday evening from Karachi, which Port she left on 30th June. She experienced slight swell during the voyage.

THE BANGALORE POLO TOURNAMENT.

MADRAS PIONEERS vs. THE SAPPERS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, JULY 3.

In the third round of the Bangalore Handicap Polo Tournament the 4th Madras Pioneers team with plus 3 goals met the Sapper team playing plus 1 goal. The latter had the best of the game throughout, and won easily, the Pioneers not being able to add a single goal or subsidiary to their handicap score. The final scores were Sappers 5 goals and 3 subsidiaries ; Pioneers 3.

CARABINIERS vs. CAPTAIN PEEL'S TEAM

Then the Carabiniers "A" team, playing from scratch, met Captain Peel's team who received 5 goals. The Carabiniers were unable to pull up their somewhat heavy handicap, and allowed Captain Peel's team to win by 2 goals, the scores being 6 goals to 4 goals and 4 subsidiaries.

The finals are fixed for to-morrow.

BANGALORE RACES.

FINAL ENTRIES.

RACES CANCELLED.

The final entries for the Bangalore Races which closed to-day have not been very satisfactory. At the meeting of the Stewards the following races were cancelled :—The Trial Stakes, the Arab Plate, the Stewards' Purse, and the Cambridgeshire. A programme is, however, being arranged re opening these races under certain altered conditions.

THE GOLD ROBBERY CASE.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

In pursuance of a warrant issued by the District Magistrate the houses of the accused Chetty goldsmiths in the gold case being tried here have been searched by the police, who seized 26 account books, which Mr. Eardley Norton for the prosecution showed that the accused had been associated in gold smelting transactions since 1899. The amount of gold sent away to Madras by them for disposal was valued at Rs. 1,50,000, and counsel said this gold must have been stolen from the mines. Evidence was completed on both sides to-day and counsel argued the case for some hours. Judgment reserved, bail being refused.

MOUNTED INFANTRY FOR SOMALILAND.

BANGALORE, JULY 2.

The British Mounted Infantry Company, mobilised here for service in Somaliland, leaves for Bombay by special train to-morrow morning at 7, travelling through the broad gauge. Their strength will be 5 officers, Brevet-Major J. R. Marsh in command, 1 Medical Officer, Captain W. P. Gwynn, R.A.M.C., 127 Non-Commissioned Officers and men, 129 ponies, and 45 public and private followers.

THE Royal Indian Marine steamer Clive, Commander W. G. Beauchamp, which sailed yesterday for Berbera, conveyed section D. No. 18 British Field Hospital, comprising 1 British officer, 4 British rank and file, 1 storekeeper, 33 bearers, 11 men Army Hospital Corps, 14 followers, 3 mules, 12 bullocks, 5 tongas, and 5 dandies. The above was brought to Bombay in one special troop train from Bangalore, arriving at the Prince's Dock at 7 a.m. Captain S. D. Hall, R. A. M. C., is in charge, assisted by Assistant Surgeons De Silva and F. J. Dunn. The three sections No. 58 Native Field Hospital which has been mobilised at Allahabad, was railed from Deolali, reaching the Prince's Dock Jetty Shed at 6.15 a.m. The three sections consist of 3 British officers, 6 hospital assistants, 9 non-commissioned officers and men, 2 storekeepers, 6 bhistees, 5 sweepers, 100 bearers, 3 men Army Hospital Corps, 3 horses, 36 bullocks, 2 ponies, and 9 mules. The men were immediately detrained as the trains arrived, and the kit and baggage were expeditiously shipped under the direction of the Dock-staff. The embarkation was carried out under the supervision of Major C. F. Baynes, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, while Captain W. S. Goodridge, R. N., Director Royal Indian Marine was also present. The embarkation was completed by about 11 o'clock. The men were medically inspected by a Military Doctor before they were sent on board. The three sections No. 58 Native Field Hospital is under the command of Major G. B. Irvine, I.M.S., who has with him Lieutenant F. H. B. Stanley, I.M.S., and Lieutenant J. C. Kunhard, I.M.S. The Clive left her berth shortly after 2 o'clock and proceeded on her voyage to Berbera.

The transport Umta, Captain G. H Stafford, sailed yesterday for Karachi where she will embark the 2nd Camel Corps for conveyance to Berbera.

The Royal Indian Marine Steamer Hardinge, Commander A. J. G Piffard, sails to-day for Berbera with the Headquarters of the 27th Punjab Infantry, consisting of 8 officers, 15 native officers, 659 non-commissioned officers and men, 41 followers, 7 chargers, 185 boxes of ammunition and 2 maxim guns. Besides she takes one officer, 6 warrant officers, 17 followers, 1 horse and 1 pony of the Brigade Supply Office and Brigade Supply Column.

The following are the names of the officers :—Lieutenant-Colonel A. Wallace, Major W. B Williams, Captain H. L Tomkins, Lieutenants N. E. Reinhold, M. R. Pocock, A. Lester, Wilmer, and Hutchinson, and Lieutenant Longridge, Supply and Transport Corps.

The R. I. M. S Canning, Commander R. W. W. Gordon, which also sails to-day with the remainder of the 27th Punjab Infantry conveys 4 officers, 2 native officers, 1 Hospital Assistant, 50 men rank and file, 100 followers, 3 horses, 120 mules, and 8 ponies In addition of the above she takes 14 followers, 10 horses, and 12 mules for the general staff. The names of the officers are : Major C. W. O'Bryen, Captain C. W. Keene and Lieut. D. C. L. A. Passy, 27th Punjab Infantry, and L. H. A. Tobin, 28th Bombay, Pioneer. The regiment for embarkation will be railed from Deolali in three special mixed troop trains, which are timed to arrive at the Jetty Shed Prince's Dock at 6, 6.30, and 7 a.m., respectively.

THE BANK OF BENGAL.

THE net profit of the Bank of Bengal for the past half year including the amount brought forward from the previous half year amount to Rs. 20,48,191-1-9. This has been disposed of as follows :—In payment of a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent per annum free of Income Tax Rs. 10,00,000-0-0 ; transferred to Reserve Fund Rs. 4,00,000-0-0 ; transferred to Gratuity and Pension Fund Rs. 1,00,000-0-0 ; carried forward to next half year Rs. 5,48,191-1-9.

THE BANK OF BOMBAY.

The profit of the Bank of Bombay for the half year ended 30th June last is as follows :—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Total Profit			20,31,149 7 11
Applied as follows :—			
To dividend at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum free from Income Tax	6,00,000	0	0
To Transferred to Reserve Fund, thereby raising it to Rs. 84,00,000	50,000	0	0
To transferred to Dead Stock	50,000	0	0
To Bonus to Staff and Pension Fund	50,000	0	0
To Carried forward	5,48,149	7	11
	14,31,149	7	11

CRICKET AT POONA.

GYMKHANA VS. THE NIZAM C. C.

GYMKHANA WON BY 158 RUNS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, JULY 2.

A cricket match—Poona Gymkhana versus the Poona Nizam Cricket Club—was played to-day, resulting in an easy win by the Gymkhana by 158 runs. The following are the scores :—

POONA GYMKHANA.

Mr. Carroll, c and b Jussuff	51
Mr. Haviell, b b-w b Heroshah	12
Airy, b Jussuff	33
Major Cheyne, c Pais, b Jussuff	0
Captain Froth, b Abdul Kader	49
Weatherby c S. A. Kader, b A. Kader	18
Knight, c Pais, b Rahim	4
Grant, b Erasha	7
Hawley, c Jussuf, b Rahim	5
Cameron, not out	12
Extras	45
Total	233

NIZAM CRICKET CLUB.

Pais, c Hawley, b Carroll	12
Nizamudin, b Cameron	0
Sayanna, b Cameron	0
Jussuff, b Carroll	3
Ebrahim, c and b Haviell	14
Erasha, b Carroll	1
Shaikh O Kadar, b Hawley	5
S. A. Kadar, run out	4
Shamshankar, not out	1
Abdul Rahim, c Forsyth, b Hawley	0
Abiulla, b Hawley	0
Extras	33
Total	73

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Second-Lieutenant Harold Oliphant Coates, of the Bombay Volunteer Artillery, becomes Lieutenant from the 5th June, vice Maitland, promoted.

Captain William Edward Skardon, of the 2nd Battalion, B. B. & C. I. Railway Volunteer Rifles, resigns his Commission with effect from April 1st, and is granted the honorary rank of Major.

Lieutenant William Leeson LaTouche resigns his Commission with effect from June 1st.

It is noticeable, writes the "Pioneer," that every time a force is mobilised for service the old question of the confusion in nomenclature of Staff Officers again crops up. In peace time nearly all Staff Officers are generically described as if they belonged to the Adjutant-General's Department, whereas in reality half of them are employed exclusively in the work of the Quartermaster-General's Department. Consequently when a force is ordered to take the field nobody apparently seems to know which Staff Officers are experts in which branch of Staff work, with the result that square men are very liable to be thrust into round holes. The most remarkable instance of this was the Tirah campaign, where nearly every Staff Officer happened to be unsuitably employed, with naturally unsatisfactory results in so far as the smooth working of the campaign was concerned. Again, an extraordinary conglomeration of Staff Officers accompanied the force sent to South Africa in 1899. The present instance is not so remarkable, but here again we have two Staff Officers accompanying Sir Charles Egerton, one of whom is presumably required for the work of the Adjutant-General's Department, yet both, it so happens, come from appointments appertaining exclusively to the Quartermaster-General's Department. To avoid the present confusion and undoubted loss of power, only the very simple remedy of re-introducing a distinctive nomenclature for the two Departments is necessary, and it is difficult to understand why this simple step is not taken.

BOMBAY SERVICES.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. S. Ashby, Political Agent, Third Grade, is granted privilege leave for twenty-three days, in combination with extraordinary leave without allowances for seven months and fifteen days, from the 16th July.

Major E. F. Marriott, Assistant Political Agent, Fourth Grade, is granted privilege leave for two months and twenty days, combined with furlough on medical certificate for nine months and ten days, from the 13th June.

Captain C. F. Harold, Assistant Political Agent, Second Grade, on return to duty becomes Assistant to the Agent to the Governor, Kathiawar.

Mr. R. D. Bell, I. C. S., Assistant Collector in the district of Nasik, is appointed a Magistrate of the Third Class in that district.

Mr. L. C. Crump, I.C.S., becomes Assistant Judge and Additional Sessions Judge, Belgaum, and in addition to his own duties, also Assistant Judge and Additional Sessions Judge, Satara.

Mr. L. Robertson, I.C.S., is allowed special leave on urgent private affairs for three months and fifteen days.

Mr. R. Lafenais acts as Assistant to the Collector of Abkari, Bombay, during the absence on leave of Mr. Rustom Pestonji Jehangir or pending further orders.

Mr. B. A. Brendon, I. C. S., has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr. A. M. T. Jackson, M. A. (Oxon.), Barrister-at-law, I. C. S., is appointed Junior Collector vice Mr. C. E. S. Steel, retired.

Commander W. Aves, Royal Indian Marine, Port Officer, Karachi, is granted furlough out of India on medical certificate for six months, with effect from 4th May.

Captain J. L. Marjoribanks, I. M. S., acts as Deputy Sanitary Commissioner for the Central Registration District, pending further orders.

The following appointments are made vice Mr. A. M. T. Jackson, I. C. S., promoted :—Mr. P. R. Cadell, I. C. S., to be First Assistant Mr. A. H. A. Simcox, B. A. (Oxon.), I. C. S., to be Second Assistant.

TELEGRAPHIC FOREIGN SERVICE

JULY 2.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, Perfect, Via Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE—Via Teheran, perfect, Via Turkey perfect. Via Suez perfect.

AMERICA—Via Brest perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.

AUSTRALIA—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.

CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect. Via Bhamo, perfect.

AFRICA—Via Aden, perfect, Via Cadis Teneriffe, perfect via Lisbon, St. Vincent, perfect.

Cable Cayenne Pinheiros interrupted.

Cable Puerto Plata Martinique interrupted.

Cables Dominique Martinique, St. Lucia Martinique St. Lucia, St. Vincent, interrupted.

Telegrams will be conveyed frequently by steamers.

Cable communication with Martinique is open via Lisbon and Cadiz.

Telegrams will be accepted only at sender's risk.

Code addresses should not be used.

Cable Paramaribo Cayenne interrupted.

Telegrams for Dominica are subject to censorship.

Telegrams in Code may be accepted for Crete but those in cipher language are not admitted.

Cable St Vincent Granada interrupted.

Cable New York, Haiti interrupted.

Swatow route via Amoy interrupted.

Communication Trinidad Demerara restored.

Communication with Tonkin by land line restored but by cable still interrupted.

On the day he was sentenced to be hanged for murder, John Shutt, a wealthy citizen of Texarkana, Texas, got permission to ring up the state governor, his lifelong friend, on the telephone, and pleaded with him for his life. When refused a reprieve, he rang off the telephone and announced his readiness to die.

A CURIOUS literary coincidence has just occurred. At the moment when the name of the distinguished French sportsman, M. Edmond Blanc, is on every one's lips, the publication of the letters of the Baroness Boude recalls the perplexities of the famous Republican Minister, Louis Blanc, in dealing with the freaks of the Paris electorate in 48. Louis Blanc afterwards found an agreeable home in Brighton, where he was quite a local character in the sixties, and made many friends among aristocratic visitors. Owing to his diminutive stature he was known as "the little French Minister."

THE STATE BALL AT SIMLA.

SOME DRESSES.

THE State Ball to which all Simla was bidden by His Excellency the Viceroy was a very brilliant assembly and very largely attended, five hundred people being present. The effect of the many different full dress uniforms with the varied colours and fashions of the ladies' costumes really gorgeous. There was a great display of medals, the Coronation medal being much "en evidence." Her Excellency Lady Curzon wore a magnificent dress of palest yellow richly embroidered all over with a large design in gold sequins, and having shoulder straps of pale blue chiffon caught up with diamonds. She wore all-round diamond tiara and a diamond necklace. Lady Rivaz was in white satin with a deep flounce of lace with chiffon roses. Lady Ibbetson wore a handsome gown of mauve brocade. The Hon. Mrs. Julian Byng was in black lace over white and a lovely diamond tiara. Lady Mary Tagart looked well in white satin and lace trimmed with pink chiffon roses. Lady Mellish wore pink brocade, and her daughter was in white satin with pearl trimming. Lady Gallway wore an effective dress of bright red chiffon and with her was Miss Hutchin in a very pretty pink frock. Madame Von Maarlig's dress of dark blue silk with thick silver embroidery was very handsome and uncommon. Mrs. Carthew-Yorstoun was in pale mauve chiffon with cream lace and "choux" of violet panneau. Mrs. Dane wore pale grey satin trimmed with velvet of a deeper shade and cream guipure. Mrs. Birdwood also wore a pretty grey dress of chiffon and Miss Beresford-Lovett was in grey satin and chiffon. Mrs. Patterson wore a cream lace dress with trimmings of dead white guipure, and her two charming daughters were looking their best in pretty white satin frocks. Mrs. Hawkins' dress was very beautiful white and gold brocade with a jewelled overdress of Duchesse and Brussels point lace, and her jewels—opals and diamonds—were superb. Lady Wolfe-Murray was in white crepe de chine and silver and many diamonds. Miss Wolfe Murray looked very handsome in pale pink accordion pleated silk with gold passementerie. Mrs. Parsons was in black lace over white. Mrs. Meyer also wore black over white with appliques of white guipure. Lady Jacob was in mauve brocade trimmed with sequined lace and violets and she wore some lovely barbaric jewels. Mrs. Cookson wore palest green satin, with a lace flounce with a floral design in ribbon on it. Mrs. Stewart Wilson's dress of red chiffon and lace was very smart.

Mrs. Buck wore a very striking dress of white and gold made out of an Indian "sari" which was universally admired. Mrs. Carnduff looked exceedingly well in a jewelled "berthe" of real lace, and her sister Miss Macleod, was in ivory satin trimmed with point de Venise. Miss Hartnell wore a very pretty white "crepe de chine" frock: Mrs. Kennard's dress was of pastel pink "crepe de chine" trimmed with ivory lace galons and shaded chiffon roses and insertions of hand painted panels. Mrs. Leslie Younghusband wore white satin with hand painted chiffon flounces. Mrs. Shakespear was very smart in pale pink tucked "crepe de chine" with iridescent sequined black lace insertions. Mrs. Macleod (a bride) wore a lovely white lace and chiffon dress with opalescent sequins. Mrs. Daly was in white satin and lovely lace. Mrs. Brett wore black point d'esprit net, and Miss Brett was in white satin. Miss Parbury's dress of pale blue velvet, ermine and Honiton lace was much admired. Lady Tupper wore mauve and white striped chine silk and lace. Mrs. Mappin in yellow satin and lace was smart as usual. Mrs. de Brath wore pale yellow cellene and Mrs. Kenny was also in a pale yellow dress. Mrs. Swiney looked very well in a chiffon dress of two shades of yellow. Mrs. Rattigan wore cream Oriental satin with medallions of lace. Miss Thorne was in white satin. Mrs. Wheler looked practicularly well in a black and white dress, and Miss Wheler was in pale blue satin. Mrs. Atkinson looked very pretty in pale green. Miss Bevan wore the smartest black dress of chiffon and jet with Honiton lace, Miss Mary Davies' white tulle with jet was much admired also. Miss Robertson wore pale green chiffon. Mrs. Renoux and Mrs. Frizelle both wore white satin and sequined lace. Mrs. McGill was in bright blue, accordion pleated trimmed with green lace. The Misses Franklin, Miss Ibbetson, Miss Hannan, Miss Reid, Miss Elliot all wore very pretty white dresses and there were very many other lovely ones far too numerous to mention.—"Englishman."

IRON ORE IN BOMBAY.

VALUABLE DEPOSITS.

THE following Report, dated the 23rd April 1903, on a sample of hematite from the hills near Moriari in the Cahota Udepur State of Bombay by Professor Wyndham R. Dunstant, M.A., F.R.S., Sec, C.S., Director, of the Imperial Institute has been submitted to the Government of Bombay :—This sample of iron ore, registered at the Indian Museum as No. 1743, was transmitted by the Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay in November 1902, together with a note by the Deputy Superintendent of the Geological Survey of India, stating that deposits of this mineral are abundant in the hills to the north of Moriari in the Cahota Udepur State, and that the mineral might prove to be valuable iron ore. The sample weighed 3 1-2 lbs. and consisted of bright black laminæ of micaceous iron schist, the ultimate scales being about 1 millimetre in diameter. The specimen contained a piece of shale (not included in the sample analysed), but was otherwise of uniform quality. The following results were obtained on analysis:—Ferric oxide, Fe_2O_3, 81·02 per cent., and Ferrous F.O, 0·26 equivalent to 56·9 per cent. metallic iron, Alumina Al_2O_3, 3·41 per cent. Manganous oxide MnO, nil, Lime CaO nil, Magnesia MgO, 0·66 per cent., Copper oxide CuO, nil, Phosphoric oxide P_2O_5, 0·11 per cent., equivalent to 0·074 per cent. phosphorus, Arsenic As_2O_3, nil, Sulphur S. nil, Silica $Si\,O_2$, 13·68 per cent., Water H_2O, 0·74 per cent.

These analytical results show that the iron ore is of good quality, free from sulphur and containing little phosphorus. It resembles in composition, and especially in the large amount of silica it contains, the brown hematite smelted in Northamptonshire, which furnish usually about 65 per cent. of metallic iron and contain from 10 to 13 per cent. of silica. These ores are smelted without preliminary treatment. It is to be noted that according to the report of the Deputy Superintendent of the Geological Survey the amount of silica associated with the iron ore may be found to vary considerably in different portions of the deposit. At Norberg in Sweden an ore containing red hæmatite, magnetite and quartz yielding about 50 per cent. of metallic iron and containing 20 to 30 per cent. of silica, is concentrated by crushing and washing, and the finely divided concentrate so obtained made into briquettes and smelted in the blast furnace. Such a process can be successfully used in the small blast furnaces employed in Sweden, but in America, owing to the ease with which the briquettes break up under the pressure developed in modern blast furnaces, this process is stated to be unsatisfactory. Washing processes of a simple type for the concentration of clay-bearing iron ores are however employed in Virginia, Tennessee and Alabama, so that this preliminary treatment of an iron ore, which may possibly be necessary in the present instance, would not render the cost of working prohibitive. The next step in this matter should be to determine, as far as possible, the extent of the deposit, and to take samples from different portions so that these may be submitted to analysis in order to ascertain the average composition of the ore, which cannot be inferred from the analysis of the single sample now reported on. The practicability of smelting this ore at or near the place of origin will turn chiefly on the possibility of obtaining supplies of coking coal and of good limestone near at hand. If it is desired, the Scientific and Technical Department of the Imperial Institute will undertake a further enquiry into this subject and obtain the opinions of experts on the feasibility of such a project.

MANY of the Imperial Yeomanry have found a hard time before them on their return from South Africa, and some pitiful stories could be told by those who have been assisting some of them to get a restart in civilian life. Some poor fellows have had to face destitution, both for themselves and for their wives and children, and would have fared badly but for gifts of food and clothing from the Imperial Yeomanry Self-Help Employment Association. That organization, whose offices are at 98, Athur-street, Chelsea, has found its hands fuller of work than of money during the last few months, and still requires the kindly and practical encouragement of sympathizers. It has done a great deal of useful work in the direction of finding employment for the progress.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

NEW SUMMER FASHIONS.

PARASOLS AND FLORAL FANS.

MODES FOR ASCOT.

LONDON, JUNE 18.

SUMMER fashions are now definitely settled. Fabrics are beautiful, trimmings are works of art, gagings are revived, the drooping shoulders and all sorts of novel shoulder draperies are the vogue. Skirts are invariably plain or pleated. The hip-yoke and tablier effect are in favour, and as for colours, the delicate tints lead with white at the head of the list. Among the innumerable materials that claim attention the flowered dimities are in great demand. Some of the handsomest dresses are made out of these fabrics, and some of the most expensive as well. The material also possesses remarkable durability. A pretty style for girls yet in their teens was recently seen made with pintucks extending from the belt to the foot of the skirt. The entire skirt was a mass of these tucks ; just below the knee there was set in a wide band of plain material, and on this a design in white braid was applied. The bolero blouse was tucked throughout, with elbow sleeves ending with a deep sidepleating of chiffon and turn-back cuffs heavily braided. Even the simplest of dimity blouses seem very elaborate this year, but it is the elaboration of hand work rather than that of rich materials. The blouses are made a mass of tucks and insertion and the sleeves have wide lace cuffs to the wrist, finished frequently at the top with a deep shoulder cap made of tucks and lace. The yoke is beautifully lacy, and there is a high stock, half-insertion and half-dimity. In these simple materials it is quite possible for a thoroughly good effect to be obtained by the home dressmaker. Materials that cost next to nothing can be put together very stylishly, and the handy girl can look as well gowned in her print dress for a fraction of the sum which is spent upon many a less beautiful dress. Lemon, peach, plum, cherry, and orange are all favoured shades for the cool frock. Then there are fillet laces with which the home dressmaker can do so much.

Applications of fillet lace three inches wide can be made to the skirt of a gown, and on this fillet lace there can be applied diamonds of black velvet with a little border of white round each diamond, or a darned lace can be made and contrasting lace butterflies appliqued upon it, while the whole is peppered with French knots. The dainty gown of the season is largely a matter of handiwork and handicraft, and industrious girls can come into her own if she be willing to work for it. Skirts and their flounces afford a subject for deep study to the home dressmaker. Now that the extremely tight skirt has gone out, or is going out, and the skirt with the tucked or gathered hips is in, or the skirt with many gores, the home dressmaker can turn her attention to the foot of the skirt. One of the latest and prettiest fancies declared for the deep foot flounce, of lace which is put on not as a flounce, but as a deep boarder. This may be as high as the knees and made of all-over insertion, or it may be a very deep band of very fine lace. It all depends upon the style of the gown. The dimities with soft-toned flowerings make a most charming colour combination. A gown with a pure white ground with the faintest suggestion of a pink flower trailed all over it, is worn with a deep girdle of rose colour, and a rose chou upon the front of the blouse. Trimmings of latticed ribbons are new, and lace designs are threaded with soft ribbons over feather-boned foundations, and as for the ribbon sashes, belts, and girdles, there is no end to their variety. Ribbon is not only used to decorate a gown, but it is often so latticed that it forms part of the gown itself, not the trimmings.

The silk coaching parasols are the simplest and, perhaps, the smartest. They come in bright checks—red and white, blue and white, green and white, red and blue and many other combinations, with a four-inch border in solid colour. Or the style is reversed in a plain coloured parasol with a border of the check. Quite the same class with these are the tartan plaids. They are very striking with a border of solid colour. To match the pongee silk gowns are parasols of the same material, either plain or with a border of narrow contrasting stripes. All of these parasols are for rain as well as shine, and are, therefore practicable for everyday use. Nor must the mercerised linen and cotton parasols be overlooked. They are proving popular. Certainly they give the last touch of elegance when made to match a linen toilet. These linen parasols wear well, and are reasonable in price, even made to order. Others of the unruffled silk parasols incline to Oriental or Japanese effect. They but follow out the craze of the last winter. A parasol in rich creamy yellow, which recalls the dusty minarets of the East, has embroidered squares scattered over its surface. The embroidery simulates an Arabic sign. The handle is an important factor of the Oriental parasols. The most expensive come in bizarre designs in lacquer, porcelain, bronze, and carved ivory. Some of the cloisonne handles are charming with their strange patterns and terra cotta celestial blue, picked out in gleaming silver wire. The bronze handles are mostly in the shape of strange beasts or birds, grotesque figures, or hideous gods. With more elaborate costumes, however, the shirred and ruffled parasols will be carried, and they will vie with the gown in intricacy of detail.

For the garden party, parasols of pompadour silk will be en regle. They are veiled by a shirring of net or chiffon, through which the silk gleams with charming effect. Net will be an even greater favourite than chiffon for these shirrings. Stripped and dotted net and all-over lace will also be used. The shirring is generally finished off by a ruching of the same material. A recent parasol development is shirring applied to the inside as well as the outside. In fact some parasols have only the inside shirrings. The effect is becoming to the face of the summer girl who is wise enough to select it. Sometimes the shirring only extends as a border half-way up the parasol. The softening effect is equally as good. This plan may be followed on the outside of the parasol as well as for purposes of diversity. Lace insertions and medallions are much used on the most expensive parasol. Floral fans bid fair to be paramount the entire summer, therefore the blossom fans will be worn on all occasions. Violet and forget-me-not fans are charming with certain toilets, but pink and red rose fans come nearest to nature. They are like great bouquets. Many fans are even scented to carry out the illusion. These flower fans are striking. One worn recently with a toilet of black lace had black sticks. The flower fan will be seen at all the garden party and afternoon affairs. Feather fans will also be much used. A typical one, in vivid green and blue, has sticks of bronze. It was recently worn with a green silk reception toilet. Another type of fan, because of its simplicity, will be used with costumes which follow the old-fashioned lines so much copied this summer. One of these fans has a foundation of silk. It is ornamented with rows of satin ribbon in a slightly darker shade and with innumerable silver sequins, geometrically applied.

Since our English climate has once more justified its evil name by going from one extreme to the other, melting us on Monday night only to freeze us again on Tuesday morning, it is as well that Fashion should have provided us, at the moment, with something very dainty in the way of shoulder-coverings which have yet a certain amount of warmth about them. The long, straight stoles, made either entirely of ostrich feathers or in a mixture of ostrich and marabout, are wonderfully becoming, and it is quite worth while to cultivate the difficult art of wearing them gracefully, since they give a charming finishing touch to a summer toilette. Some of the newest of these marabout and ostrich feather stoles are made in a fichu shape, fitting closely over the shoulders, and coming to a point at the waist, back and front. From the line of the waist in front, the long ends fall almost to the feet, where they are finished with a fringe of tails. The ivory-white feather stoles are, perhaps, the best investment, since they look well with summer gowns in any and every colour, while the pale grey ones, although they are very pretty, necessarily limit the wearer a little in her choice of shades. Since Ascot promises this year to be a social function of even greater importance than usual, the modistes, both

in Paris and London, are busy already preparing many new and charming things in the way of race-gowns. The actual wearing of these dainty toilettes, unfortunately, will depend later on, to a great extent, on the state of the weather during Ascot week. The wise woman will do well, of course, to be prepared for all emergencies, and in addition to her dainty frocks in lace and chiffon, muslin, and embroidered lawn, to provide herself also with some simple tailor gowns in plain linens, of serviceable colourings, in navy blue serge and in summer tweeds. Under a dull grey sky, or in a heavy downpour of rain, such as sometimes comes to signalize Cup Day, toilettes of a sober and practical kind are the only ones possible.

If, on the other hand, the Fates are kind, and send us a sunny Ascot week, it is safe to prophesy that some of the loveliest dresses imaginable will be seen in the Enclosure, since no one can deny the fact that the modes for racegowns this year are infinitely daintier and prettier than they have been for many seasons past. Not only are the materials employed more attractive in themselves, but the styles in which they are arranged are infinitely more graceful. A pretty frock which is being made for Ascot is in fine white summer cloth, the pleated skirt cut up in panels to show an underskirt of white foulard, spotted with black. The smart bodice is arranged in a similar way, with a deep cape-collar of white cloth finished in front with revers of black satin, secured with dull gold buttons, and a soft chemisette of white embroidered muslin. A gown in buttercup yellow crepe de chine looks well trimmed down the centre of the front with a wide insertion of cream Alencon lace, while on another dress in pale green summer cloth an applique trimming of Greek lace is seen to great advantage.

Picture galleries commend themselves as school's of colouring. This summer's exhibition at the New Gallery shows some wonderful paintings that suggest charming and uncommon ideas. Signor Boldini is a skilful manipulator of black, black and white, grey, and gleams of jet and silver, as displayed in his fine portrait of Mr. Whistler. This harmony of shades seems to have suggested to a clever modiste one of the most successful dresses of the year. The gown in question has an under-skirt of soft white Oriental satin, covered in turn with white, grey, and black chiffon over-skirts. The elbow sleeves are in grey chiffon, and the bodice in black chiffon with touches of white, and a line of sparkling jet around the low-cut early Victorian decolletage. This frock has been made for several smart women, among others for Lady Claud Hamilton. Lady Juliet Lowther's trousseau is a much-discussed topic of the moment, and several of her dresses are described as dreams of beauty in their materials and colourings. One charming frock is of ecru-coloured mousseline de soie over palest pink, a wreath of dwarf pink roses around the bodice, and an occasional tiny rose scattered about on the skirt. Sapphire blue is one of the wishes of the moment, and Lady Juliet is to have a sapphire blue chiffon, encrusted with sparkling pailletts in blue, green, and mother-o-pearl.

CYCLING AT HOME.

LONDON, JULY 12.

Some time ago, when referring in this column to the relations between cyclists and motorists, we emphatically stated that the two pastimes could never exist together in harmony; they are so at variance one with the other. We never thought, however, that the rupture would have proved so unmistakable as it gives signs of becoming, nor would it, had motorists—or rather a certain section of them—exercised reasonable consideration for co-users of the roads. The inconsiderate behaviour of motorists towards cyclists, in many cases resulting in serious accidents, has induced the National Cyclists' Union to take action in the matter, and to come to the decision of taking up for wheelmen any cases wherein they have sustained injuries through such negligent driving on the part of motorists. It is a pity that a minority should bring the whole automobile world into ignominy, but such will undoubtedly be the case, if it does not amend its ways.

An action which is shortly to be brought by the Cyclists' Touring Club, on behalf of a wheelmen against the owners of a van, will raise a point of exceptional interest to all road users, since it will decide the legality of carmen drawing their vans across the road when in the act of unloading. The case in point arises out of an accident which occured to a cyclist, wherein his bicycle was completely smashed up. A van had been drawn across the road, leaving only half the road-way opened for vehicular traffic. A bus was passing when the cyclist came up, and there being room between the two vehicles he proceeded to ride by. When passing the stationary vehicle, however, the horse threw up his nosebag and knocked the cyclist over. The wheelman claimed compensation from the van owners, but this being refused, the C.T.C. has taken up the matter.

There is yet hope for the lovers of road-racing in this country; they may see the day when open events may not only be held, but freely advertised to the world at large, even placarded before the eyes of the "Surrey" police, without fear of interference. This happy state of affairs is made possible by the motor racing road which is being constructed at Purley, near Croyden. The track will be about seven miles in circumference, and to all intent and purposes an ordinary high-road, of course free of villages, pedestrians and other undesirable features for racing men. On such a track a very good cycle race could be held, and one wherein the progress of the men could be almost watched throughout by the spectators who were fortunate enough in securing high ground for their stand.

"Kindly let me out on bail, so that I may call on my victims and recompense them," pleaded a cycle thief, when charged before the magistrates sitting at the Hastings Borough Bench. In his address to the bench he put on a penitent air, which with the sots which now and again he managed to manufacture, would have turned the heats of many, but the seasoned gentlemen of the bench wisely decided to keep him within beck and call for a time at least.

Westerham Hill, a very steep ascent in Kent has been selected as the scene of the seventeenth annual hill climbing competition of the Catford Cycling Club, which is looked upon as the principal event of its kind held during the years. Last year, the number of competitors for the uphill struggle, showed that the interest in this kind of competition was well maintained, and from all accounts, will be in the events to be decided on July 4th. It is a fine test of men's ability, and those who journey out to witness the climb, are treated to the grandest competitive display it is possible to see. Although the Catford climb is the principal one in this country, owing, no doubt, to its large standing, there are several others held annually in different parts of the country, all of which arouse considerable interest in their districts.

Judgment in favour of a cyclist, was given at the Cardiff Court against a cabman, who had damaged the rider's machine to the extent of £4, 15s. In defence the cabman stated that he was driving behind a covered van, and, in wishing to pass, turned in on the wrong side, although leaving ample room for the cyclist. His Honour stated that those who took the wrong side of the road, did so at their own responsibility, and gave judgment for the wheelman.

In the early days of railways, there was a time when ignorance and prejudice nearly wrecked the adoption of what has since proved to be one of the necessities of civilization. Similarly, only a few years ago, the bicycle was attacked. It was then an instrument of sport, and a fashionable toy of the leisured classes. Since that time the bicycle has become more widely used than ever, till it has become the ordinary means of locomotion to tens of thousands of the working and other classes. To-day, the motor car and the motor bicycle is "facing the music" that all new developments are apparently destined to meet with. Granted that motorist are inconsiderate of the rights of other users of the roads. But let us not look to the individual motorist, whose manners may be bad; let us rather consider the potentialities of the motor car itself. The way of which it is capable of opening up country districts of affording easy and ready access to places hitherto remote, of utility in a thousand different ways. It is destined to become a great industry, and one which will assuredly do much for the benefit of mankind.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers every where.

RATS AND PLAGUE.

THE DESTRUCTION OF RATS.

MEMORANDUM BY COL. KING, I.M.S.

The following memorandum has been circulated to all Sanitary Inspectors by the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras:—

Considerable confusion seems to exist in the minds of Sanitary Inspectors as to the function and uses of sulphuric acid and tar, as a precautionary measure against rats during plague. It is therefore thought desirable to give the following explanation:—

(1) Although the mixture has hitherto been ordered to be in the proportion of 1 part of acid to 8 of tar, it is now found that the more economical mixture of 1 part to 9 will suffice. The tar employed should be common coal tar—not, as has been occasionally found to be in actual use—pitch or asphalte. The sulphuric acid need not be of a very pure character, but it must be strong, that is, it must be of the variety known as "oil of vitriol" or common commercial sulphuric acid. Hydrochloric acid does not seem suitable. Of course, if none but a pure form of sulphuric acid be available in the locality, there can be no objection to its use; but it should be of the strong sulphuric acid variety, not diluted sulphuric acid. As regards expenditure, it is probable that the cost of the mixture sufficient for a full application to an ordinary native house would not exceed 2 annas.

(2) When proceeding to use the mixture, the sulphuric acid and tar should not be mixed, until actually on the spot where work is to be carried out. Any earthen vessel, such as a common chatti, will suffice for mixing the two materials. This should be carried out with a clean wooden stick. It will be found, as soon as the mixture is made, that irritating fumes are thrown off, which persist for several hours. These fumes are disliked by rats. When applying the mixture, the following points should be held in mind.

(3) The mixture is not of the character of a poison that the rats can be induced to eat. Therefore, the only way that it can be made to act injuriously upon them is that it should be so placed at the entrances and exits of all their holes, that they shall not be able to enter or get out of them, without getting some tar and sulphuric acid upon their legs or skin. If this occurs, the sulphuric acid will rot the feet and skin, and the animal, in attempting to clean itself from the tar, will also be liable to swallow material that may, and often does, cause its death. But, although the mixture does kill rats in this way, the number so killed in a single locality is never very great. In short, the value of the mixture is not so much in killing the rats as in causing them to forsake their holes and in preventing other rats from entering them for a period that may vary from a fortnight to several months. If then, it be remembered that the mixture must be so placed that the rats must pass over it, it follows that no mere painting of the mixture round the hole, as has been frequently practised, will suffice. It must be placed within the entrance, so as to fill the breadth of the passage leaving no space at the side and the layer of material must be of a moderate depth. In actual working, this can be effected by the use of a common cocoanut shell spoon, or wooden ladle, so as to throw the mixture well within the entrance. Rats apparently do not have but one entrance and exit to their holes. Therefore, all entrances and all exits must be treated carefully in the same manner. For example, in a native house, it is not infrequent to find one entrance hole in once person's house and the exit in another's. Every hole that is discovered should be treated at the same time—else the rats after sufficient absence from their holes to allow of the fumes being got rid of, will return by the entrance free of the mixture, and burrow new exits. Where rats not only dwell in the floors and pyals of houses but also in the roofs, if much trouble is experienced in finding the actual holes, it is an excellent method to put the mixture all along cornices, or along any baulks of beams over which it is possible that rats may have to pass, when going backwards and forwards to the room for their food. Often good types of houses that are built of masonry have no rat holes within them, although rats enter the rooms at night. In this case, it will probably be found that there are plenty of rat-holes in the attached godowns, kitchens and stables, and also in the compound. In such cases every hole in the ground surrounding the house for about 200 yards should be searched for, and treated. The total cost should not exceed annas 8, in instances of this character.

(4) As to the use of this method, if it does not often kill rats on the spot, it is evident it has certain limitations. In a town where plague has been introduced and rats are beginning to die, this method would be of much use in protecting houses at some distance from the infected area which have not been invaded by infected rats, whilst other measures are taken for killing rats within the infected area. Therefore, it should be worked from the unaffected periphery towards the centre of a circle round the first infected houses. Of still greater use must the method be to individual inhabitants living within large areas of a town: as by its use they can free their houses of resident rats as well as prevent invasion by others. When houses have been disinfected, they are apt to be again infected by the return of infected rats. Therefore, it should always be practised as a necessary precautionary measure that, immediately a house has been disinfected, the mixture should be used in all holes to prevent residence of infected rats. In villages which have not been infected, the method is of the very greatest utility in freeing the place of rats, and, to some extent, by killing them. Therefore, it should be of much use when employed in advance of plague. Again, in infected areas where special goods are liable to be attractive to rats, such as jaggery and grain, their access to them may be effectually prevented by making a complete circle of the mixture on the ground on which they are placed, or round the building in which they are stored.

RULERS WHO HAVE BEEN MURDERED.

The following is a list of the rulers and royalties who have been assassinated during the last hundred years. It does not include King Murat, the Emperor Iturbide of Mexico, and the Emperor Maximilian, who were all executed after a trial:—

1801 Paul, Tsar of Russia.
1803 Sultan Selim of Turkey.
1854 Charles III, Parma.
1850 President of Hayti.
1860 Danilo, Prince of Montenegro.
1865 President Lincoln
1868 Prince Milos of Servia.
1872 Colonel Balta, President of Peru
1872 Moreno, President of Ecuador
1873 Gutheriez, President of Peru
1878 Sultan Abdul Aziz
1881 Tsar Alexander III
1881 President Garfield
1894 President Carnot
1896 Shah of Persia
1896 Queen of Korea
1898 Empress of Austria
1900 King Humbert
1901 President McKinley.
1903 King and Queen of Servia.

GOLF IN BOMBAY.

A match was played yesterday morning, and resulted in a win for the older players by 22 holes to 9:—

OVER 35 YEARS.		UNDER 35 YEARS.	
Osborne Marshall	2 up	L Stansfield	0
C J I Jones	4 up	R H M Steven	0
E Ferrers Nicholson	4 up	D H Brand	0
Major Rogers	2 up	M Innes Ker	0
C St. Paul	3 up	A A Legat	0
Herbert R Graves	1 up	E E Coomes	0
J C Riddle	3 up	E A Miller	0
H E Hart	1 up	T C Bayly	0
Rev John Cameron	0	I D Johnston	3 up
I Reed	2 up	J Kerr	0
W L Shaw	0	Root Fairnie	5 up
E R Jardine	0	C Thomson	1 up
	21 holes		9 holes

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

The following was amongst the papers laid on the table at the meeting of the Bombay Port Trust, held on June 23rd:—

PILOTAGE STATEMENT.

	For week ending 28th June 1903.	Total from 1st to 28th June 1903.	For week ending 14th June 1902.	Total from 1st April to 14th June 1902.
Vessels piloted into harbour	14	275	21	249
Do out of	29	271	15	245
Do transported	23	250	12	178
Do attended to	3	24	3	17
Do warped	..	4	1	13

BEAUTY AND HYGIENE.

For health, beauty, and luxury, use the Albion Milk and Sulphur Soap, which, Lady Constance Howard writes, is "pleasant to use, and whitens, and softens the Skin." Also Testimonials from Countess Bathurst, Lady White, Viscountess Exmouth, Lady Dorothy Nevill, and many others. Delicately perfumed. Warning.—When buying the Albion Milk and Sulphur Soap, see that name and figure head of "Albion" are on the wrapper. Sold by all Chemists, Grocers, &c.

THE LATE MARTYR HOMAJEE.

A great religious event occurred to-day a hundred and twenty years ago in Bombay, and its sanctity is remembered not only in this city, but in Surat, Broach, Navsari, and in other towns where Parsees reside. It appears that about that time there had been raging a controversy among Parsees, of whom there have since been two sections, known as Shensais and Kadmis, with a difference of one month in their calculations of time, the latter being in advance. The controversy assumed serious aspects, and differences arose between the two sections, which sometimes ended in fisticuffs. In these religious discussions Parsee women also took part and evinced much vehemence and bitterness of spirit. One of these ladies was a great turmogant, and showed considerable antipathy to those whose views were opposed to hers. The late Martyr Homajee Jamsetjee happened to be one of her opponents, and during a heated controversy between them in Broach, with a number of followers on each side, Homajee kicked her in the abdomen and she dropped down dead. The matter went into the hands of the authorities, who sent up the case to Bombay for trial, A.D. 1782-83. A Mayor's Court existed in Bombay, in whose hands rested the adjudication of this important case. The result was that Homajee was adjudged guilty of murder and sentenced to be hanged. The hanging operation was performed on a scaffold erected near a tank situated where the G. I. P. Railway administrative offices now stand, and it was here that Homajee paid the penalty of his religious frenzy. The adherents on each side were also punished with various terms of imprisonment and fine. The Parsees of Bombay were not passive spectators of these events, but evinced much sympathy for those who had suffered for the religious zeal, and subscribed the sum of Rs. 3,900 to release the offenders from the pecuniary liability which the Mayor's Court had imposed on them. They all returned to Broach, where they were received with evident tokens of sympathy. From that day to this the memory of the death of Homajee is kept alive by Parsees in most parts of India by observing this day (July 3) as a day of feasts and religious observances. The great Dastur Aspandiarji Kamdin of Broach had accompanied the religious zealots to Bombay, and was welcomed by his co-religionists and honoured with their heart-felt blessings for his co-operation in this sacred controversy.

CRICKET.

EASTERN TELEGRAPH vs. GOVERNMENT TELEGRPH.

This match was played on Wednesday on the Marine Lines, and resulted in a win for the Eastern Telegraph. Scores:—

EASTERN TELEGRAPH.

H C Thomas, b Tanner	39
R T Ryton, l-b-w, b Coelho	4
A A Spilling, c and b Speechly	23
N George, c Game, b Osborne	42
A E Thomas, c Game, b Troyal	23
A A Barry, run out	0
S Phillips, c Troyal, b Tanner	4
W Samways, b Troyal	0
G E Vowles, not out	11
W A Couldrey, b Troyal	0
C E Mulroney, b Tanner	2
Extras	4
Total	110

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH.

Tanner, b Vowles	0
E Game, b H Thomas	0
Troyal, run out	11
V D'Souza, b H Thomas	21
Speechly, c and b Phillips	12
D'Silva, c and b H Thomas	0
Lawrence, run out	17
Osborne, b Phillips	13
Perkins, b Phillips	1
Coelho, not out	5
Skeleto, absent	0
Extras	9
Total	89

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS

(*Bombay Government Gazette*, July 2.)

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Lieut-Col J S Ashby Political Agent third grade is granted privilege leave for twenty-three days in combination with extraordinary leave without allowances for seven months and fifteen days from the 16th July.

Major E F Marriott Asst Political Agent fourth grade is granted privilege leave for two months and twenty days combined with furlough on medical certificate for nine months and ten days from the 13th June.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Capt C F Harold Asst Political Agent second grade on return to duty to be Assistant to the Agent to the Governor Kathiawar.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to extend the tenure by Mirza Abbas Ali Baig B A of his present appointment of Oriental Translator to Govt up to the 31st March 1903.

It is notified that Mr A S Thambe fifth grade Dupy Asst Political Agent Kathiawar was sub pro tem Japti Supt Kathiawar from the 5th Nov 1902 to the 20th Jan both days inclusive.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr J B Vachha Dist Dupy Collr in the district of Khandesh is appointed a Magistrate of the second class in that district.

Mr R D Bell I C S Asst Collector in the district of Nasik is appointed a Magistrate of the third class in that district.

Mr Narayan Raghunath Navalkar having resigned his appointment on the Bench A on Special Magistrates at Poona the Magisterial powers conferred on him by Govt Notification No 724 dated the 6th Feb are withdrawn.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to confer on Messrs Kaikobad Adarbad Dastur, Gopal Moreshwar Sathe and Martand Ramlak Gadre the powers of a Magistrate of the second class within the area comprised within the limits of the Poona City Municipality and the Poona Suburban Municipality.

Mr Vaman Narayan Rahurkar second class Subordinate Judge of Bhusaval within the local limits of the ordinary jurisdiction of the second class Subordinate Judge's Court of Bhusaval is invested with the jurisdiction of a Court of Small Causes for the trial of suits cognizable by such Courts up to the amount of Rs 200.

The Governor in Council is pleased to empower Mr Narayan Abaji Parnaik Acting Huzur Depy Collector and Magistrate of the first class in the district of Sholapur to try in a summary way all the offences mentioned or referred to in Sec 260 of the C P Code.

The Governor in Council is pleased to invest Mr Nanaji Vithal Atre Acting first class Subordinate Judge of Thana within the local limits of the Ordinary jurisdiction of the first class Subordinate Judge's Court of Thana with the jurisdiction of a Judge of a Court of Small Causes for the trial of suits cognizable by such Courts up to the amount of Rs 500.

Mr Ganesh Martand Bhalerao Acting Mamlatdar taluka Yawal in the dist of Khandesh is appointed a Magistrate of the second class in that dist.

Mr M P Khareghat I C S Judge and Sessions Judge Satara to hold charge of the current duties of the office of Judge and Sessions Judge of Panch Mahals in addition to his own.

Mr L C Crump I C S to be Asst Judge and Additional Sessions Judge Belgaum and to be in addition to his own duties also Asst Judge and Additional Sessions Judge Satara.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Mr L Robertson I C S is allowed special leave on urgent private affairs for three months and fifteen days.

Mr Rustom Pestanji Jehangir Asst to the Collector of Ahkari Bombay is allowed privilege leave of absence for five weeks.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr R Lafrenais to act as Asst to the Collector of Ahkari Bombay during the absence on leave of Mr Rustom Pestanji Jehangir or pending further orders.

Mr R A Brandon I C S has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr A M T Jackson M A (Oxon) Barrister-at-Law I C S becomes Junior Collector vice Mr C E S Steele retired.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Comdr W Aves R I M Port Officer Karachi is granted furlough out of India on medical certificate for six months with effect from 4th May 1903.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Capt J L Marjoribanks I M S acts as Depy Sanitary Commissioner for the Central Registration Dist pending further orders.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following appointments vice Mr A M T Jackson I C S promoted:—Mr P R Cadell I C S to be First Assistant; and Mr A H A Simcox B A (Oxon) I C S to be Second Assistant.

Colonel Fowle, at present Commanding the 21st Lancers, on whom young Cockburn is said to have committed an assault, was A.-D.-C. and Military Secretary to Lord Harris, when Governor of Bombay, and was also on the Governor's Staff in Madras at one time. The feud between him and Cockburn, says the "Indian Planters' Gazette," is of long standing. Captain Cockburn is the son of old "Colonel" Cockburn; he really retired as a half-pay Captain from the Black Watch, but going to Hyderabad he got command of Sir Asman Jah's Paigah troops, hence "The Colonel." He was a character in Secunderabad. Fowle and some other Officers of the 21st Hussars (now Lancers) offended the old man, who had a hobby that polo beginners should learn first to play with a racquet ball. They used to rag him over this and roused his Highlandir's. The son perpetrated the quarrel as a sort of vendetta, especially as when he was a ranker and visited the ancestral home in Secunderabad he was naturally denied the freedom of the Hussars' mess. It is all a strange coincidence but perhaps not true.

J. Engle, of Lorain, Ohio, placed a live electric wire into Lake Erie, and was catching the fish that ran up against it and were killed by the current. Suddenly over balancing, he fell into the water, and in trying to haul himself out by the wire was electrocuted.

SUICIDE IN BOMBAY.

One of the items that has added its mite to the appalling deaths from plague and other diseases is suicide. This item is comparatively very insignificant, yet none the less deplorable as it calls to mind the tragic end of Judas. During the period under review, 1st January to 30th June 1903, 32 persons fell victims to self-destruction. Of these 24 were Hindus, 4 Mahomedans, 2 Parsi, 1 Jew, 1 native Christian or about ¾ per mille for a population of 800,000 inhabitants. Apparently, man is more prone to this evil than his frail partners; for females numbered only 8. The unhappy victims represented almost all the shades of life from the bouncing lad of 12 to his aged sire of 65; 16 were in the bloom of life, 5 in the vigour of manhood. Every-day troubles sufficed to take this deplorable step. Out of the 32 unhappy beings, 13 made away with themselves on account of such bodily ailments as fever and dysentry, 4 preferred to face the unknown rather than face their creditors; 3 thought life not worth living because of loss sustained in speculation; quarrell with a neighbour answered 2; death of a near relative was more than 2 could bear; and so on this dismal tale could be prolonged. The means used were almost as varied: razor to cut the throat, knife to rip open the belly, rope to hang by the neck, stone to fracture the skull, a marked partiality was shown for the watery element for 12 ended their lives by jumping into wells; poison, too, claimed a goodly number, opium settled 10, arsenic was responsible for 2, prussic acid for 4, and so on. By far the greater number belonged to the lower scale of society, labourers, fishermen, agriculturists, mill-hands, and the like, conspicuous among them being two clerks and one teacher.

BOMBAY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Directors of the Bombay Banking Company in their report for the past year say:—

We have been able, this year also, to show a profit of more than 9 per cent. on our investment. The total realised capital of our Bank is Rs. 57,920. The gross profit earned by us is Rs. 5,685 12-0 which is more than 9 1-2 per cent. on capital invested. Deducting the cost of management including the Secretary's Commission the profit amounts to Rs. 3,300-15-4 to which the surplus balance Rs. 440-11-0 of last year being added, the sum of profit comes to Rs. 3,801-10-4 which we recommend should be distributed as follows:—Dividend at 6 per cent. free of income-tax Rs. 3,475-3-2. The rest Rs. 326-7-2 should be carried forward for next year. As mentioned in our last year's Report Mr. Parbhakar Govind Vaidya has been placed in charge of the management. This could not be done however till late in the year, and in consequence the business did not receive the benefit of his help and guidance. Ever since Mr. Vaidya took up the management we are glad to observe that he has given close and unremitting attention to the work of the Company. We have every hope that under his management our business will prosper and that in future years we shall be able to show yet better results.

GREAT MOTOR FIRE.

GERMAN CARS FOR IRISH RACE DESTROYED.

A disastrous fire broke out on June 9th at the works of the Daimler Motoren Gesellschaft at Cannstatt, a suburb of Stuttgart, where the famous Mercedes motor-cars are manufactured. There was a stiff wind blowing at the time so that the flames spread rapidly and within a quarter of an hour had reached the tank where the petrol or highly-inflammable motor-spirit was kept.

There was a tremendous explosion, in which the entire building was destroyed and more than 200 motor-cars of various powers, which were being completed for delivery, were burned in the debris. The fire burned so fiercely that four houses close to the works were burned down. All work is at a standstill, and some 700 engineers, fitters, and assistants are thrown out of employment.

The three racing cars which were being got ready to take part in the competition for the Gordon Bennett Cup are included in the loss, and the race will therefore be necessarily robbed of much of its interest by the forced abstention of the German contestants. The Mercedes cars had become so popular among wealthy motorists that prices had gone up to fancy figures, and many of the vehicles destroyed were valued as high as £3,000. It is estimated that the loss will not fall far short of £200,000.

The principal machines in the Mercedes works were of American manufacture. They were specially made for the company, and were very costly. The company was working to its fullest capacity, and had orders on hand which would have kept it busy for many months.

The loss to Cannstatt is very heavy, as the Daimler Company was its principal industry, and the suburb had of late experienced unusual prosperity in consequence.

Mr. Hutton, who, besides acting as an agent for the German company, is the largest dealer in the famous Mercedes cars in England, and gave it as his opinion that Germany, as a result of the fire, will not be represented in the Gordon Bennett race in Ireland.

"The works at Cannstatt," said Mr. Hutton, "consisted of a lot of ramshackle iron buildings, and there was no protection against fire.

"They would all have been demolished shortly, for fine new works are being built for the firm about a mile and a half from the town.

"The company have built altogether six 90-h.p. Mercedes cars, two of which were damaged in the Paris-Madrid race, and as the three which were to have taken part in the Gordon Bennett race have been destroyed in the fire, I fancy that the Germans will gladly take this opportunity of retiring from the race, particularly as there was some difficulty in regard to securing drivers owing to the extreme exclusiveness of the German Automobile Club.

"The drivers finally selected by the club were the Baron de Caters, M. Hieronymus, and M. Jenatzy."

TOMMY AND HIS TEETH.

"Hard tack" and drinking water containing a large proportion of ferrous properties played havoc with Tommy Atkins's teeth in South Africa. Since his return he has been clamouring to have his gums refilled at the expense of the War Office, and large numbers of Tommies are at the present moment highly indignant because, owing to official delays, they are still going about toothless.

The War Office have decided that soldiers invalided from the service who have lost their teeth "as a result of active service" will be provided with a free set of artificial substitutes. Men who are not invalided will also be provided with a set if their teeth have disappeared "as a result of active service in the field." It is said that "hard tack," which is hard biscuits, does not constitute "active service in the field," and Tommies whose teeth gave way before the stubborn regulation biscuits are complaining that this should not deprive them of the privilege of having a new set at the expense of the country.—"Westminster."

Mrs. T. Murphy, of Koorawatha, New South Wales, was feeding a horse in a field, when a ram rushed at her and broke both her legs. She managed to hold on to the animal's horns and prevent further damage until rescued by her children.

In some of the Australian cities the local Anglican and Roman Catholic prelates are excellent friends. Recently, at Newcastle, the Coalopolis of New South Wales, Bishop Stretch attended a Roman Catholic bazaar as a mark of esteem for Bishop Murray. A local paper alleged that he kissed Bishop Murray's ring on the occasion, but apologized when legal proceedings were threatened. A member of the New South Wales Government, who repeated the allegation when addressing a Methodist meeting, has also apologized to the bishop in a letter to the newspapers. Dr. Murray is seventy-five, and has nearly completed four decades as an Australian Catholic bishop. He was for eleven years private secretary to the late Cardinal Cullen in Dublin.

To Cure Horse Ailments.
Eminent Veterinary Surgeons (see Book on Bottle) strongly recommend **Condy's Fluid** as a speedy and absolutely Certain Cure for Sore Shoulders, Sore Backs, Broken Knees, Grease, Thrush, Cracked Heels and Mud Fever in Horses.
Insist on having "Condy's Fluid."
Sold by all Chemists & Stores.

HUNTED CONVICT.

BETRAYED BY HIS LEG.

George Lawrence, a Londoner, who has four more years to serve of a ten years' sentence for shooting with intent to murder, made a determined effort to escape from Dartmoor.

With other convicts he was employed in a quarry. About 8·30, he suddenly dashed away, jumped over a boundary wall, and made off in the direction of Tavistock.

The warder in charge fired, but missed Lawrence, who found excellent cover in a coppice some fifty yards distant, where there was a thick undergrowth of sedge and rough grass.

The telephone system recently installed at the prison was brought into play, the coppice was speedily surrounded by warders, and mounted men were despatched in all directions.

A most careful and systematic search was made, but it was two hours before the fugitive was unearthed.

Civil-guard Trapp noticed a pair of legs half hidden by the sedge, and it was then that Lawrence was discovered. He had squeezed himself into a drain, which successfully concealed the upper part of his body, but was not long enough to hide his legs, which betrayed him.

The convict, who is twenty four years of age, made no resistance when captured, and was conveyed back to the prison.

Frequent as are attempts on the part of convicts to escape from prison, it is rarely that they are successful.

Only last February a desperate dash for freedom was made by four convicts at Parkhurst Prison, Isle of Wight. As dusk was falling, they broke away from the rest of their gang, darted through some shrubs and meadows, and made for the high road. Armed warders who immediately started in pursuit shot two and promptly recaptured them, while the third was arrested as he was climbing a spiked fence, and the fourth was knocked down by a sailor and returned to custody.

A remarkable attempt at escape was made by a prisoner named Moran at Pentonville gaol in March 1902. He succeeded in getting as far as the roof by running up a pipe, and was only tempted to come down from his lofty perch by hunger, and a dish of roast beef temptingly displayed.

James Lynchehaun, an Irishman, was one of the very few convicts who have made good their escape. He was undergoing a life sentence in Maryborough Gaol, Queen's County, in September, 1902, and by cleverly manipulating the lock of his cell managed to get clear away. From that time to this the police have found no trace of his whereabouts.

One of the most remarkable escapes within recent years was that of the two men, Scar and King, who escaped from Borstal Prison on the morning of November 3 1900. Taking advantage of a dense fog they got over a wall made for Chatham two miles away where they changed their clothes at the house of a friend, and then tramped to London. For weeks the Kentish woods were searched by an army of police detectives and journalists without success. On the following January 21 King was arrested at Euston, but Scar was not found till April 18, 1901. He was then working at Walworth and had previously been working at Woolwich Arsenal for some months. His movements aroused the suspicions of a police-sergeant at Deptford, where he lived with his family, and when the sergeant went up to him one morning and said "Aren't you Scar" he went quietly to the station.

Great precautions are taken at all convict stations to prevent escapes. Besides being armed with guns, the warders have also shrill whistles, so that they can warn each other of any attempt at escape. The prisons themselves have a clanging bell which gives the alarm to the whole country-side.

The punishment for escaping is generally solitary confinement and a prolonged term of imprisonment.

A KING ON WORK.

TALK WITH BELGIUM'S RULER.

The "New York American" publishes an interview with King Leopold of the Belgians, in which he deals with various matters of interest, especially with the importance of work, and with the conditions of the Congo Free State.

My people like American people, King Leopold said, in that they are so pushful and prosperous. I should like to see them more prosperous, taking Americans for their models.

Why are American people so successful? First, because all are instructed, and, secondly, because all are intelligently energetic.

People talk of dying in harness. I prefer to speak of living in harness. Everyone should work. Idlers fill no useful place in the world. They should get off the earth. I myself work hard for many hours each day, with my secretaries, and devote much of my time to the interests of the Congo Independent State. No man must live for himself. The position of a ruler is a most responsible one, and the golden rule for a monarch should be first to ascertain what is right and then to do this fearlessly.

Dealing with the relation between labour and capital, King Leopold said that the antagonism between them was unnatural. "What can capital do without" labour? he asked, and what can labour do without capital? The problem will eventually be solved by sweet reasonableness. Its solution will be worked out upon an intellectual plan which will have more heart than harshness in it.

Expressing his admiration for men of the business stamp of Messrs. J. Pierpont Morgan and James J. Hill, King Leopold turned to the question of the Congo.

"In the Congo State," he said, the open door exists to-day, and always will exist. All are and all will be free to trade, but property must be protected. The Congo State was not founded by any act of the Berlin Conference, but by the King of the Belgians and his friends. Outsiders said at first that I would ruin myself and my family by this speculation, and now they say slanderously that I gain two millions a year from the Congo. The truth is that all money that belongs to the State is used in the interest of the State. Resources are developed, and an ideal state of things exists in the fact that the people pay no taxes in the Congo.

Negroes are made to work forty hours a month and are paid for it. This has an educational effect upon the people, who are inclined to be lazy. One must compel them to be good."

His Majesty here lent himself to a little advertisement of Ostend. Americans, he said work hard till holidaytime, and then they rest hard. I know of no place more resposeful than our Ostend; yet it is fashionable for such as desire this. The best season is in July, August, and September."

The interview closes with an eulogy of the American woman. When the women of a nation are beautiful, it means a great deal for the race," he said.

KILLING TRADE.

STRANGE ENGLISH BUSINESS.

METHODS IN AMERICA.

An astonishing story of British business methods in the United States is related by Mr. Bennett, English Consul-General at San Francisco.

British commercial travellers are very rarely seen in the country, but two of whom Mr. Bennett has obtained information seem to have worked on practically identical methods.

One was anxious to extend the hard-ware trade in California, and telegraphed to a large house at San Francisco that he would be pleased to show his goods if the merchant would meet him in St. Louis (a trip of 2,000 miles), where all his expenses would be paid. The merchant declined this offer, and the traveller went on to San Francisco, arriving in the morning and going back again on the evening of the same day. In the second case the traveller invited the merchant to go to New York (3-500 miles) to see the goods, and on his declining the deal was declared off.

There is hardly such a demand for British goods, remarks the Consul-General, that an American merchant would be likely to travel 4,000 miles in the one case and 7,000 miles in the other, losing at least twelve and fifteen days respectively for the purpose.

Another amusing case is mentioned, in which a leading San Francisco merchant some years ago complained to a Sheffield cutlery firm of its butcher's knives being loosely packed in paper covers.

In reply came a long and polite handwritten letter, thanking the merchant for his suggestion, but adding "My father and my grandfather packed the knives in this manner, and so will my children and my children's children.

The trade dwindled and dwindled until there was hardly anything left of it, and ten years after the alteration was suggested the knives were packed as desired but the market was lost completely and could not be recovered.

HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

At a time when visits of Sovereigns are so much in the air, it is of interest to remember that of the great rulers of Europe there is only one who has never visited London. This is the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria whose old age makes him so interesting a personality to the surrounding sovereigns of Europe. He is a very simple-living, hard-working old man. Always appearing in uniform, he does not go in for either good clothes or good eating. His meals are more details than necessities, and often luncheon is served to him at his desk as he sits working at State papers. A great hunter and a splendid horseman, despite his age, the Emperor has earned the sobriquet of the most industrious man in the realm." Even on hunting trips he cannot escape from official business, and it is necessary for him to rise at about five o'clock in the morning to get through the day's work. Perhaps his most marked characteristic is his quick and liberal benevolence and his generosity to the poor.

In view of the recent announcement of Mr. Pierpont Morgan's determination to convey all his vast collection of art treasures to New York, it is of interest to learn that according to the opinion of the American Press the eminent financier will be able to pass most of his masterpieces into America free of duty. This desirable avoidance of the heavy Customs tolls, amounting on the estimated value of the collection to some £60,000, will be attained by the classification of the pictures, etc. as household effects. To enable them to come under this heading they have been placed in Mr. Morgan's Park-lane residence for more than a year, and so escape duty. Second only to Mr. Morgan in position in the iron world is a beautiful girl just out of school—Miss Antoinette Bertha Krupp, who inherited all her father's

M. A. P. IN THE GREEN ROOM.

Du Maurier was in the air on the day of the revival of Trilby at His Majesty's Theatre. So at least thinks a resident of Hampstead, desiring to be known in print as "Mr. B.," who by the mystic working of a fairly startling coincidence Svengali-like in its hidden suggestions experienced on May 30th what he describes as "quite a little Du Maurier festival all to himself. In the morning, on the Spaniards Road, Mr. B. was accosted by an American tourist, who wished to be directed to the house where your great Du Maurier resided. A few minutes later he found himself, in response to the tenderly-expressed inquiry of an American lady giving a full and particular account of the left and right turnings which lead from Golder's Hill to the old Parish Church in whose graveyard the celebrated Punch artist sleeps. So far, this was a very ordinary Saturday morning experience for a resident of Hampstead; but it was what followed that made "Mr. B.," as he puts it "think."

In the afternoon "Mr. B. went into the coffee-room of the old and unspoiled Bull and Bush Hotel (formerly the residence of Hogarth, as the guide book tells us), and the first words he heard as he took his seat near a table where two strangers were dawdling over the coffee of a late lunch, were about Du Maurier's St. Bernard. One stranger was telling the other the old story of how a man with a big dog got into a first-class compartment of a train at Baker Street, and apologised to a high-collared youth for the somewhat extensive canine intrusion, hoping he did not object to it; how the high-collored youth, a little over-anxious to make an agreeably impression, said he was very fond of big dogs, and that his friend, Du Maurier, had a much bigger one than that, which he often brought into his drawing-room; and how the man with the blue glasses and the big St. Bernard brought the conversation to a tragic close with the terrible remark, I am Du Maurier and this is my dog!"

"Mr. B.'s" Du Maurier festival was by no means over. Mr. B. is pursuing the chance of a prize in the "Times" competition, and on arriving home late in the afternoon he sought the twenty-seventh volume of the new series of his Encyclopædia Britannica with the view of consulting the biography of Jean Baptiste Andre Dumas, the chemist. On the page facing that which contained the biography was a picture of Du Maurier's dog! Finally, a friend looked in upon Mr. B. and took him of to see Trilby at His Majesty's. After that, writes Mr. B., nothing would have surprised me; indeed the little supper party I went to after the theatre at an artist's studio seemed quite a strange and incomplete affair without the presence of Svengali!

Miss Dorothea Baird, whose Trilby at His Majesty's to-day is the same fresh and beautiful Trilby of nearly eight years ago at the Haymarket, is in many respects a very fortunate young actress. It is not given to every lady who adopts the stage as a profession to make her London debut as the heroine of a romance of which the whole world is speaking, and it will be remembered that Miss Baird made her first appearance before us as Mr. Beerbohm Tree's leading lady in the fantastic play built on Du Maurier's famous novel. The original Trilby was fortunate, too, in her ability to justify thed unusual magnificence of her start. Oportunity is indee a fine thing, but a far finer thing still is the cleverness which uses it to the best advantage. Then Miss Dorothea Baird is the possessor of a husband (Mr. H. B. Irving) who in the few years which have elapsed since their marriage has developed into one of London's favourite leading actors. But what in these warm June days, makes Miss Baird specially envied by her sisters in the profession, is her engagement, or re-engagement, for a part which is probably the only one "going around" that does not require the actress to wear stockings and shoes! The heat on the stage is almost suffocating in the summer, diapite the substitution of electric light for gas in all parts of the theatre, and so many heroines (of drama with they were Trilby!

The Gallery First-Nighter's Club is a club of ladies and gentlemen who take an intelligent interest in the welfare of the theatre. There are a great many members, and most of them, it is presumed, manage to be present at the first nights of plays. By going constantly to the theatre they must know by sight the rowdies who attend in the gallery for the purpose of making a disturbance. Would it not, then, be a good idea for some popular manager to approach the male members of the G.F.N.C. with the view of obtaining their assistance putting out of existence one of the most mischievous organisations it is possible to imagine? The new rowdies are not critical rowdies, claiming their right to boo what they do not like. They boo before they know whether they will like a thing or not! In the first night of In Dahomey they booed Miss Abbie Mitchell before she opened her month. On the first night of Mr. Lowther's unfortunate play, The Gordian Knot, they made a disturbance at the very opening of the first act. On the first night of the present revival of Trilby they actually booed Mr Beerbohm Tree and Mr. Edmund Maurice at their first entrances!

The members of the G.F.N.C. must naturally be very anxious to have such rowdies removed from their vicinity, and I feel sure they would be only too glad to do all they could in the important matter of identifying the ringleaders, so that they might be safely refused admission at the doors on first nights. It would not be asking them to turn themselves into amateur detectives. It would only be asking them to assist in weeding out from their midst and element which is as destructive to themselves, as a representative body of fair and intelligent playgoers, as it is to the art they obviously take the keenest interest in. It is not suggested that the manager who approaches them on the subject should appeal for their aid in doing the muscular part of removing the offenders. That would indeed lead to a disturbance of the piece! But I feel certain, from what I know of the Gallery First Nighter's Club, that the help of its members in protecting the good name of the gallery would not be solicited in vain. No wonder, after the treatment he received from the gallery when he made his reappearance as Svengali, Mr. Beerbohm Tree caused it to be announced in the papers that he had decided not to assume the title-role in the next new play at His Majesty's The Darling of the Gods!

It will be welcome news to many in the dramatic profession that a testimonial benefit is in preparation for Mr. Sydney Alport, who for close upon eight years has been unable through permanent illness to follow his business of theatrical manager. Although engaged in management for some thirty years, Mr. Alport will be chiefly remembered by the younger playgoers of to-day for his share in the Tom Thorne successes at the Vaudeville, where he as the manager, Robert Buchanan as the playwright, and Tom and Fred Thorne and Leonard Boyne, Cyril Maude, and Miss Kate Rorke as the leading performers, worked up for Sophia, Joseph's Sweetheart, and other pretty comedies of the old-world stamp, a public patronage almost as lasting and extensive as that with which Mr. Cyril Maude himself has been blessed since he joined Mr. Frederick Harrison at the Haymarket. Those were splendid days for the light hearted and wondrously energetic Sydney Alport, and although the full measure of their prosperity and happiness can never return to him, by reason of the sad state of his health and his inability to work in consequence, the balance of his existence need not be all shadows.

Mr. Alport's career has been an eventful one. To begin with, he was at school with Mr. W. S. Penley at Herne Bay, and that in itself would make a pretty long chapter of "remarkeble experiences" if Mr. Alport could only summon up the strength to write it. At this school, which he left for an apprentice's life in the merchant service, and to which he subsequently returned as tutor, Alport has laughed at Penley as the boy, as heartily as any playgoer of to-day has laughed at Penley as the man. Master Penley was not an intentional humorist in his school days; indeed, he was an extremely quiet and orderly pupil. But his voice was as comical then as it is now, and he had a very quaint way of expressing himself which was fatal to the proper peace of the class-room, especially when the future comedian was being examined in French.

There was a very high wall round the playground of this Herne Bay school, and to the top of this wall by means of a ladder, the grave little Penley climbed one sunny half-holiday for the purpose of wearing out his knickerbockers a little sooner than he could manage the business on the smoother surface of the school forms. The sight of Penley on the wall with a means of decent at his feet struck one of the pupils in the playground as having a most absurd aspect of incompleteness about it, so the ladder was deftly removed and tilted over into the field outside, and the ambitious young climber left in his proud position with nothing to interfere with him. His fellow pupils, being fellow pupils, and having all the sweet thoughtfulness and tenderness of heart of such, then went out to cricket unselfishly leaving little Master Penley in sole possession of the high wall, on which to play at being a tortoiseshell cat at rest.

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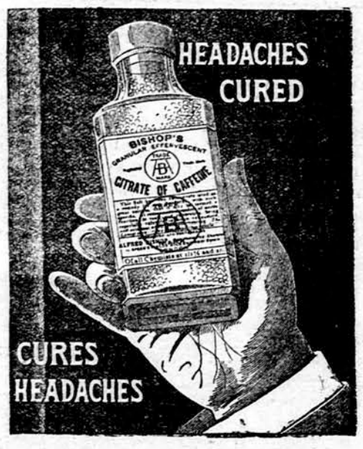

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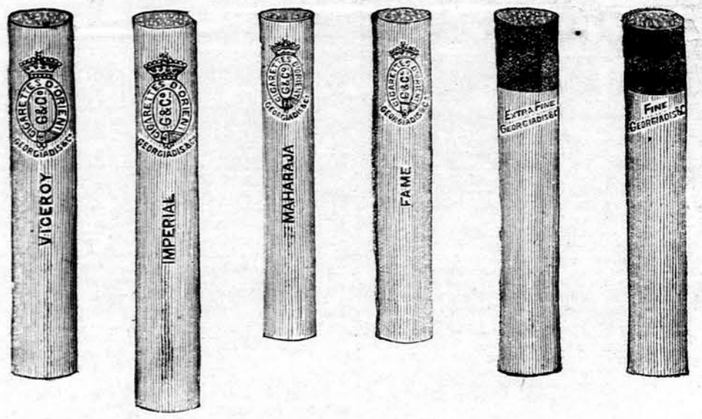

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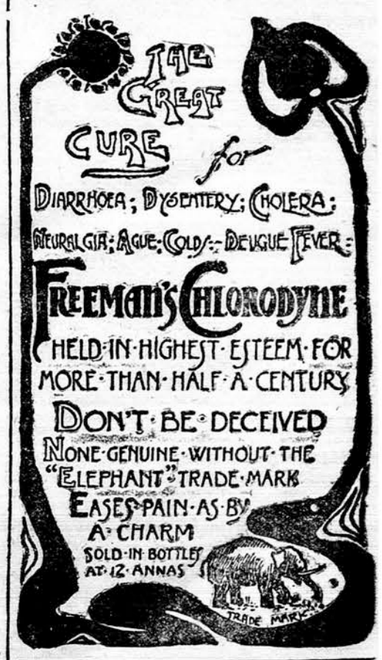
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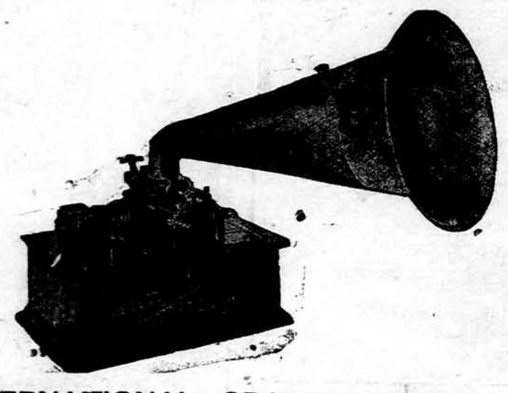

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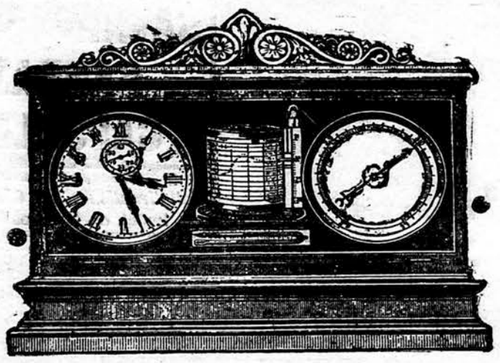

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